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## **NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS IN OUR LIVES**

The Middle East and the turmoil of the recession are on the minds of our viewers on a daily basis as the presidential election is gearing up to full force. From the weather across the nation to the Olympics in London, from local to national impact, we strive to keep our viewers informed on the latest events. We also bring news from Capitol Hill including White House controversies and the economic crisis with news coverage including insights and analysis on various subjects.

### **Meet The Press 07/01/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00**

This Sunday we have an exclusive interview with the Democratic leader in the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), with her reaction to the Supreme Court's decision on President Obama's health care reform law. Plus, we'll get her take on the race between President Obama and Mitt Romney, as well as what lies ahead for the Democratic Party.

How will the Supreme Court's decision to uphold President Obama's health care reform law shape the 2012 race? As both candidates adjust their strategies for the fall, we'll have an exclusive debate between two top campaign supporters. Joining us will be Obama supporter Fmr Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT) and Romney Supporter Gov. Bobby Jindal (R-LA).

President Obama's health care law was upheld by the Supreme Court this week while Republicans in Congress vow to repeal it. Is the issue of health care reform finally put to rest? Is it now easier or harder for Mitt Romney to attack the president on health care? And what effect will the Supreme Court's ruling have when voters go to the polls in November? Our roundtable weighs in: the National Review's Rich Lowry; Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson; and NBC's Chuck Todd and Savannah Guthrie.

### **NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Country Doctor Charges \$5 Per Visit"**

**07/02/2012 5:30PM 30:00**

Ever since Dr. Russell Dohner first opened his doors in 1955, he's been treating the residents of Rushville, Ill., for a minimal fee.

Other highlights include:

Colorado wildfire relief: 'Beginning of the long haul'

Police suspect road rage led to deadly crash

Video: Video shows attack on funeral procession in Syria

### **NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Computer Glitch Blamed for San Diego Fire Works Bust" 07/05/2012 5:30PM 30:00**

A computer glitch was blamed Thursday for the fireworks mishap that disappointed thousands of people who camped out for San Diego's Big Bay Boom that went bust.

Other highlights include:

- Judge sets bond at \$1 million for George Zimmerman
- Three kids dead after yacht capsizes off Long Island
- Heat wave expands -- and roads buckle

Rock Center with Brian Williams "Prescription Drug Addiction Among Pregnant Women Becoming 'Monstrous Tidal Wave'" 07/05/2012 10 PM 60:00

They are the youngest victims of the prescription drug epidemic, tiny babies born already addicted to the drugs their mothers were taking when they were pregnant. More than 13,000 babies a year are born in America addicted to prescription painkillers like Oxycontin, hydrocodone and other narcotic drugs, according to a recent study released by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Showers of Wine Kick Off Pamplona's San Fermin Festival" 07/06/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Tens of thousands of revelers showered each other with sparkling wine and waved red kerchiefs Friday as the blast of a small rocket signaled the start of this year's running of the bulls.

Other highlights include:

- 2nd boy dies after shock incident in Tenn. lake
- Was boat overcrowded before it capsized, killing 3 kids?
- Video: Murals revitalize Baltimore neighborhood

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Fake Pharmacies' Profiting on Scarce Drugs?" 07/10/2012 5:30PM 30:00

As patients in the U.S. struggle with ongoing shortages of critical prescription drugs, federal lawmakers are investigating so-called "fake pharmacies" that they say are trying to turn a profit by buying and reselling scarce medications.

Other highlights include:

- Farmer says drought turns cattle ranch into 'desert'
- CDC anticipates record year for whooping cough
- Ex-felons hit Chicago's streets to fight violence

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Exploding Hay, Watering Bans as Drought Widens" 07/12/2012 5:30PM 30:00

From exploding hay bales to a sprinkler ban in Indianapolis, much of the U.S. is being tested by a hot, dry summer and a drought now covering 61 percent of the Lower 48 states.

Other highlights include:

- Women in the infantry? Bad idea, female Marine officer says
- Video: Avalanche kills nine climbers in French Alps
- Video: Britain to deploy 3,500 more troops for Olympics

Rock Center with Brian Williams "Costa Concordia Survivors Fighting Over Shipwreck Settlement" 07/12/2012 10 PM 60:00

Shortly after the Costa Concordia ran aground off the coast of Italy, leaving at least 32 people dead, Costa Cruises began offering settlements to the survivors of the accident. Six months after the Concordia disaster, hundreds of survivors are challenging the settlements that Costa Cruises has offered.

Meet The Press 07/15/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

Mitt Romney's time at Bain Capital has given the Obama campaign ammunition to attack the former governor's business background. Sunday, we'll talk with one of Mitt Romney's top advisers, Ed Gillespie, for a response from the campaign.

Election-year politics dominated Washington this week after the debate over taxes returned, even creating a divide among some Democrats about whether to support the President Obama's tax-cut proposal. Meanwhile, in a symbolic move, House Republicans voted to repeal Mr. Obama's signature health care law. How will these two big election-year issues play out and how will they affect the campaign? Joining us are two members of the Senate leadership: Assistant Democratic Leader Sen. Dick Durbin (IL) and Assistant Republican Leader Sen. Jon Kyl (AZ).

The findings of a new report prepared after an exhaustive 8-month investigation into the Penn State child abuse scandal by former FBI Director Louis Freeh has shaken the reputation of one of the country's proudest football programs and university. Sunday, we'll discuss what went wrong at Penn State and what needs to be done to prevent a culture of silence in major institutions. Joining us is the lead primetime anchor of NBC's Olympic Games coverage, Bob Costas.

Four months to go until Election Day and both sides are working furiously to stay on message. Can Mitt Romney's campaign fend off the barrage of attacks on his business record? The candidate tried to pitch his prospectus for the country this week in front of the NAACP but received a lukewarm reception. Plus, President Obama renewed his call this week for Congress to eliminate the Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, harkening back to his demands for fairness in the economy. Our roundtable features two men at the center of these debates: president of Americans for Tax Reform Grover Norquist and NAACP President Ben Jealous. Also joining the roundtable with analysis on the busy week in 2012 politics: GOP strategist Mike Murphy; Democratic strategist Hilary Rosen; and the Washington Post's Bob Woodward.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Heathrow Ready for Busiest Day Ever" 07/16/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The Olympic rush has begun. Heathrow airport is poised to process a record-breaking number of arrivals. The first of the 'Games Lanes' have opened - with a 32 mile traffic queue crawling its way into London -- all against a background of mounting concern about security. I-TV's Neil Connery reports.

Other highlights include:

- Handicapping a potential VEOP shortlist
- Msnbc.com becomes NBCNews.com
- Video: Soft landing for human dominos

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Blast Kills Syrian Ministers" 07/18/2012 5:30PM 30:00

In Syria, a suicide bomber has killed two of the most senior members of the Assad regime. A bodyguard is believed to have set off the blast, which killed the defense minister and Assad's brother in law, the deputy defense minister. ITV's Paul Davies reports.

Other highlights include:

- Video: Somali athletes dream of Olympic gold
- Man writes own obituary, surprising friends, family
- Military veterans get help from four-legged friends

Rock Center with Brian Williams "Costly Lesson" 07/19/2012 10 PM 60:00

It's a costly lesson we're learning about for-profit colleges. They're convenient and focused on teaching job skills but as Natalie Morales reports, their students are responsible for about half of all the college loans that go bad. They are the only path to a degree for many low income students. But some insiders say these schools are hooked on tax payers dollars.

Other stories on tap for tonight are "Meet the Romney's" and "The Golden Girl, Gabby Douglas."

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Shooting Suspect Was Graduate Student at Med School" 07/20/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The man suspected of carrying out the Colorado movie theater shooting, 24-year-old James Holmes from San Diego, was a graduate student in the neuroscience program at the University of Colorado Medical School, a university spokesman told NBC News. He was in the process of withdrawing from school, the university confirmed.

Other highlights include:

- Shooting survivors turn to Reddit for comfort
- Police: 'Sophisticated' booby-trap in Colorado shooting suspect's apartment
- Rampage victim escaped earlier shooting

Meet The Press 07/22/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

Details continue to emerge in the wake of the Colorado movie theater massacre. We'll get the very latest from Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (D). Plus, the very latest from the NBC News team on the ground.

What can be done to protect Americans against domestic threats? And what can be done about the sense of vulnerability many people feel after such a seemingly random act of violence? We have a special discussion with former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, former chief of police for the Los Angeles Police Department William Bratton, and gun-control advocate Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY).

The tragedy in Colorado is yet another reminder that politics can often be affected by unforeseen circumstances. Will either of the presidential candidates lead the debate about what to do to prevent such horrible atrocities in the future? And looking ahead, where does the race go from here? What are some of the turning points that can change it moving forward? Joining us is New York Times columnist David Brooks, former DC public schools chancellor Michelle Rhee, former senior adviser to the 2004

Kerry presidential campaign, Bob Shrum, and former senior strategist to the 2008 McCain presidential campaign, Steve Schmidt.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Miracle Baby of the Aurora Tragedy"

07/24/2012 5:30PM 30:00

He's the tiny miracle after the tragedy of Aurora. Katie Medley, who escaped the Colorado theater attack uninjured, but whose husband, Caleb, is in the hospital in critical condition, delivered a baby early Tuesday morning. NBC's Kate Snow reports.

Other highlights include:

Hong Kong weathers typhoon, anger roils over Beijing flooding deaths

Penn State faces more fallout in abuse scandal

In Aurora massacre, trial may not shed much light on motive

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Areas in Worst Drought Rise by 50 Percent"

07/26/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The drought ruining crops, shrinking water supplies and exacerbating wildfires intensified dramatically over the last week, U.S. forecasters reported Thursday.

Other highlights include:

Bullet's 'miracle' path through brain spares woman

Video: Victory lap for Olympic torch in London

Video: Anticipation for opening ceremony builds in London

Rock Center with Brian Williams "Danny Boyle and the Opening Olympics"

07/26/2012 10 PM 60:00

In his only interview with an American broadcaster, British filmmaker and ceremony director Danny Boyle sat down with NBC News Special Correspondent Meredith Vieira to talk about his vision for what is right now the biggest show on the planet. Boyle is responsible for every performance, every costume, and every song the show's estimated one billion viewers will see and hear. Boyle's ceremony follows the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, where China dazzled the world with the size and precision of its opening ceremony featuring more than 15,000 performers.

Also, we bring you "An Olympics Swimmers' Mission". Olympic swimmer Cullen Jones describes the pool as feeling like "home," but it wasn't always that way. After nearly drowning as a 5-year-old child, Jones learned to swim and has made it his mission to reduce the startling number of drowning deaths among African-American children each year.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "James Holmes Charged with Murder in Colorado Theater Shooting"

07/30/2012 5:30PM 30:00

James Holmes, the suspected shooter in the Aurora, Colo., theater rampage that killed 12 people and wounded 58 others, appeared in court Monday to face formal charges.

Other highlights include:

Video: U.S. Olympians describe being 'in the moment'

Video: Aleppo under siege

Superman roller coaster strands riders at highest point

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "U.S. Olympic Athletes: What It Takes"  
08/01/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Diver David Boudia, equestrian Steffen Peters, and swimmer Ryan Lochte, describe the discipline, training and dedication it takes to reach the peak of their sport.

Other highlights include:

- UN: Syria using fighter jets against rebels with tanks
- Judge in George Zimmerman trial refuses to step down
- Ill. governor seeks ban on assault weapons

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Whipple Has 'Best Seat in the House'"  
08/03/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Mary Whipple steers, guides and motivates the U.S. women's eight as coxswain for the U.S. women's rowing team. NBC's Stephanie Gosk reports.

Other highlights include:

- Drought dries up stretch of Platte River, slows barges on lower Mississippi
- President: Mexico gang-related deaths fall in 2012
- 'Girls Who Code' inspires teens to learn about tech

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Olympic Emotional Moments" 08/07/2012  
5:30PM 30:00

Tonight we bring you updates of the Olympics featuring emotional moments of the participants.

Other highlights include:

- Syria's embattled Assad appears on TV for first time in two weeks
- Will Games curse leave London out of gold rush?
- Giffords OK with plea deal for her alleged shooter

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Will Olympics Deliver Economic Gold to the UK?" 08/10/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Great Britain has been struggling to find a way to recover from a deep double-dip recession. Could recovery be sparked by the Olympic Games? NBC's Stephanie Gosk reports.

Other highlights include:

- Investigators back at bodega in Etan Patz case
- Hundreds pay respects to Sikh temple victims
- 9 on trial after teen sells kidney to pay for iPad

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Top 50 Moments from London Games"  
08/13/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Usain Bolt burns down the track, Andy Murray breaks the British curse, Michael Phelps dominates ... here are the top memorable moments from the Games.

Other highlights include:

- Video: Help and healing in Aurora
- Billy Graham 'doing fine' after health scare, rep says
- Family: Cops didn't have to kill knife-wielding man near Times Square



NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Drought Sends Mississippi Into 'Uncharted Territory'" 08/15/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The drought of 2012 has humbled the mighty Mississippi River. The biggest impact may be on shipping. "It's getting near critical," said Austin Golding, a third-generation co-owner of Vicksburg, Miss.-based Golding Barge Lines. NBC's John Yang reports.

Other highlights include:

Man, 70, survives 6 days stuck in Alpine crevasse

Syrian state TV: Bomb rattles UN monitors' hotel

Japanese spared of nuclear contamination

Rock Center with Brian Williams "Romney's Real Running Mate" 08/16/2012 10 PM 60:00

Tonight on Rock Center, she is Mitt Romney's real running mate. Ann Romney opens up to Natalie Morales about her heritage, her husband, her health and her own critical role in the race to the White House.

Also, we bring you "Trouble in Treatment". Some of Scientology's biggest stars have touted the success of Narconon Rehab Centers in helping addicts recover. But Harry Smith reports on disturbing questions raised by recent patients deaths.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Wounded Warriors Show Grit, Determination On Journey To Recovery" 08/17/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Gajewski swears he has the best job in the military as an orthopedic surgeon and chief of the Center for the Intrepid at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Dr.

Other highlights include:

Court sentences Russia rockers to 2 years

Video: South African police defend actions in deadly shooting

College to segregate students with gun permits

Meet The Press 08/19/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

Has the campaign for the nation's highest office reached its lowest point? The campaign kicked into what some are calling the most negative phase yet - will the country get a debate on the big ideas on how to solve the country's economic woes? Joining us exclusively, two influential governors from both sides: Chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, Gov. Martin O'Malley (D-MD) and Chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R-VA).

As the first official week of the general election comes to an end, what effect has the Paul Ryan pick had on the race and the battleground states? Where does it help and hurt the Romney campaign? Our roundtable weighs in: NBC's Chuck Todd; Atlanta's Democratic Mayor Kasim Reed; Republican nominee and Tea Party-backed candidate for the U.S. Senate in Texas, Republican Ted Cruz; the Washington Post's E.J. Dionne; and the Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "ICE Detainees Locked Up In Limbo" 08/21/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The Etowah County Detention Center in Gadsden, Ala., holds as many as 350 suspected undocumented immigrants for open-ended stays as they await deportation. Critics say conditions in the rural lockup are "inhumane." NBC's Mark Potter reports. Other highlights include:

- Wildfires wreak havoc across Western US; smoke visible from space
- Video: Poaching surge threatens survival of rhinos
- End of migrants' journey? 96 bodies found in Mexico

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Tropical Storm Isaac Threatens Puerto Rico, Haiti" 08/23/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Tropical Storm Isaac brought rain and gusty winds to Puerto Rico and the eastern Caribbean Islands and was expected to gradually strengthen as it moved west through the northeastern Caribbean on Thursday.

Other highlights include:

- Video: Storm brews as Romney preps for convention
- Stocks lower amid new economic data
- Video: Paralympic flame sparks inspiration

Meet The Press 08/26/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

A special edition of Meet the Press, live from Tampa for the kickoff of the Republican National Convention. As storm clouds form off the coast of Florida, Republicans are trying to recover from their own firestorm this week. How will Mitt Romney introduce himself to America? Can he create enough momentum to beat President Obama and carry the election? We'll ask the former Governor of the state, Republican heavy-hitter Jeb Bush. We'll also ask about his own political future.

Will this be the GOP's opportunity to turn the conversation away from controversial social issues to the state of the economy? What's the outlook for the party? We'll ask 2008 Republican presidential nominee, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ).

Has the recent debate over hot-button issues for women done lasting harm to the Republican Party and to their chances in the fall? What is the state of the race as the Republicans prepare for their national showcase? Joining us is DNC Chair Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz; the Republican Governor from Arizona, Jan Brewer; Republican Strategist Mike Murphy and NBC News Political Director and Chief White House Correspondent, Chuck Todd.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Mandatory Evacuations Outside New Orleans As Isaac Nears" 08/27/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Residents in unprotected, low-lying areas outside New Orleans were evacuating as Tropical Storm Isaac was forecast to make landfall as a hurricane almost seven years to the day that Katrina struck.

Other highlights include:

- Gas prices may rise as Isaac slams Gulf Coast
- Video: Syria government chopper crashes in capital
- Student shot at Md. high school on first day of class

Republican National Convention with Brian Williams in the Tampa Bay Times Forum  
08/28/2012 8PM 60:00

Tonight it begins for the Republicans here in Tampa. The GOP convention, already altered by a storm, gets underway in Prime Time. Ann Romney will talk about her husband of 43 years and Chris Christie shifts the focus of the full-on fight for the White House in November. Also tonight, we bring you our exclusive conversation with a rising star in this party, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Rescues In Works As Isaac's Surge Overtops Levee" 08/29/2012 5:30PM 30:00

New Orleans' levees and pumps were holding up, but areas outside the defense network saw flooding, including an 18-mile stretch to the south where rescues were under way.

Other highlights include:

Oil prices slip as Isaac mostly spares platforms

Convention speech passed, Ann Romney continues to court women voters

Republican National Convention with Brian Williams in the Tampa Bay Times Forum  
08/29/2012 8PM 60:00

Tonight in Tampa, the number 2 on the ticket makes his debut at this gathering. Paul Ryan makes the case for the Romney/Ryan ticket in the fall election. Condoleezza Rice also is speaking in Prime Time.

Republican National Convention with Brian Williams in the Tampa Bay Times Forum  
08/30/2012 8PM 60:00

Tonight's the night and the battle for the White House is on here in Tampa. Mitt Romney will accept the nomination of his party and lay out his vision for America.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Isaac Pushes Gas Prices Higher For Holiday"  
08/31/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Gas prices jumped still higher Thursday in the wake of Hurricane Isaac, leaving drivers facing the prospect of costly fill-ups as they take to the highway for a final summer spin over Labor Day weekend

Other highlights include:

Winner of \$337M Powerball jackpot revealed

He made the Web's day: Eastwood's speech goes viral

Iraq vet: 'Now it's time to win' at Paralympics

Meet The Press 09/02/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

As a former chief of staff to President Obama and now as mayor of the city where the Obama team has located their high command, Rahm Emanuel has unique perspective on the Obama re-election effort and what we can expect from the Democratic National Convention. He'll be our exclusive guest this Sunday.

Republicans wrap-up their week-long roll out for Mitt Romney while the Democrats prepare to make their case for another four years of President Obama. Has the GOP and Romney done anything to fundamentally change the race? And what are issues this election will break on? Our roundtable weighs in: former GOP presidential contender Newt Gingrich; former CEO of Hewlett Packard and Vice Chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee Carly Fiorina; presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin; NY Times columnist Tom Friedman; and NBC's Tom Brokaw.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Democrats Seek To Narrow Enthusiasm Gap"  
09/04/2012 5:30PM 30:00

As the party's convention kicks off in Charlotte, the president is seeking to get activists fired up and ready to go once more.

Other highlights include:

Video: Troubles flare in Belfast

Firms' deletion of online critiques draws 'censorship' cries

It's official: Apple to hold event on Sept. 12

Democratic National Convention with Brian Williams at the Time Warner Cable Arena  
09/04/2012 8PM 60:00

Tonight from Charlotte the Democrats get under way. A lot has changed since the days of hope and change and tonight the party puts forward a rising star; the keynote speech from Julio Castro, mayor of San Antonio. And then the First Lady, Michelle Obama, making the case in Prime Time for four more years for the president.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Obama: Election A Choice, Not A Referendum"  
09/06/2012 5:30PM 30:00

In his acceptance speech, the president painted the election as a choice between himself and Romney, not a referendum on his four years in office.

Other highlights include:

Jobs growth slows to a snail's pace in August

The Arab Spring is dead -- and Syria is writing its obituary

Haqqanis: Terrorist designation adds to captured GI's 'woes'

Democratic National Convention with Brian Williams at the Time Warner Cable Arena  
09/06/2012 6PM 60:00

Tonight is the main event here in Charlotte after powerful warm-ups from Michelle Obama and Bill Clinton. Tonight Joe Biden leads off and then the President makes his case for re-election.

Meet The Press 09/09/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

On the heels of the two parties' nominating conventions, and the new jobs report, Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney will sit down with David Gregory for an in-depth, wide-ranging interview -- his first "Meet the Press" appearance of the 2012 presidential campaign.

As the Democrats head home from Charlotte, both sides are gearing up for the remaining two months until Election Day. What will be the dividing lines for November?

And how will each campaign try to win over the all-important demographics like women and Latinos? Our roundtable weighs in: Rising star in the Democratic party who gave the keynote address on Tuesday night at the DNC, San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro; the Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan; the Washington Post's EJ Dionne; Fmr. Secretary of Education Bill Bennett; and NBC's Political Director and Chief White House Correspondent, Chuck Todd.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "No school for 400,000 as Chicago Teachers Strike" 09/10/2012 5:30PM 30:00

For the first time in 25 years, teachers in the country's third-largest public school system hit the picket line early Monday.

Other highlights include:

- 'A million-dollar rain ': Drought-hit Minn. farmer feels ups, downs of passing storm
- Mayor of N.J.'s capital city nabbed in corruption probe
- Anonymous took Apple IDs from Fla. firm, not FBI

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "US Won't Rule Out Islamist Militant Link To Attack On US Consulate In Libya" 9/12/2012 5:30PM 30:00

U.S. officials told NBC News on Wednesday that they couldn't rule out the possibility that al-Qaeda-inspired Islamist militants were responsible for the attack that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other Americans in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi.

Other highlights include:

- Aftermath of a deadly day at US consulate in Libya
- TIMELINE: Political fallout from the attack on diplomats in Libya
- Video: Interim Libyan president apologizes to U.S. for embassy attack

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Protesters torch KFC, Hardee's in Lebanon's Tripoli" 09/14/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Protesters in a number of countries across the Muslim world vented anger against the West on Friday as the controversy over an anti-Islamic film raged, with a KFC restaurant torched in Lebanon, violent attacks on U.S. embassies in Sudan and Tunis and fierce protests in Egypt, Jordan and Pakistan.

Other highlights include:

- Violent anti-West protests in Muslim countries
- NBC's Jim Maceda answers questions about the Mideast protests
- 'Super typhoon' heading for Okinawa, South Korea

Meet The Press 09/16/2012 8:00AM 1:00:00

As tensions build between Israel and Iran, where does the relationship between the United States and Israel stand? We'll talk with Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

The race between President Obama and Governor Romney has entered new territory as the deadly attack on a U.S. consulate and the continuing anti-American protests overseas have forced foreign policy back into the spotlight. How does the Obama

administration plan to respond? Plus, is the U.S. still a reliable ally to Israel against Iran? U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice will join us.

The deadly attack on U.S. assets overseas has renewed questions about the Obama administration's handling of the Arab Spring and the president's world view. How has America's position in the world changed in the past three and a half years? Our Special Roundtable will examine the real differences in foreign policy views coming from both sides through the lens of the campaign. Joining us, Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN ); Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, Rep Peter King (R-NY); author of the new book "The Price of Politics," The Washington Post's Bob Woodward; the Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg; and NBC's Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Andrea Mitchell.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Romney's Rough Road" 09/18/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The release of a surreptitiously taped Romney fundraiser yesterday added to a tough few weeks for Mitt Romney that included Clint Eastwood's appearance at the RNC and President Obama's post-convention bump in the polls.

Other highlights include:

Here's who pays no federal income tax

Foreign workers dead in Kabul airport suicide blast

Wicked weather day forecast along East Coast

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Shuttle Endeavour takes final piggyback ride over California" 09/21/2012 5:30PM 30:00

The space shuttle Endeavour rose into the air for the last time on Friday -- not rocketing into space, but taking a piggyback ride over California landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge and the Hollywood sign.

Other highlights include:

Video: Protesters torch cinema in Pakistan

Video: NYPD holds mock terrorism drill on HBO set

Wal-Mart to hire 50,000 to meet holiday rush

Meet The Press 09/23/2012 9:00AM 1:00:00

The conversation shifts back to the economy. Both campaigns are honing in this week on two videos that are fueling the debate about the role of government, taxes, and entitlement reform. Joining us for a debate is Obama backer Gov. Deval Patrick (D-MA) and key Romney supporter Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH).

Is optimism about the economy fueling support for Obama? Will Romney's retooled message be enough to help his campaign rebound after a tough couple of weeks? And what do the latest polls say about remaining 45 days of the race? Our political Roundtable weighs in: Mayor of Atlanta Kasim Reed, senior Romney adviser Bay Buchanan, host of "Morning Joe" Joe Scarborough, David Brooks of the New York Times, and Democratic strategist Dee Dee Myers.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Education Nation - Starkly Different Visions From Obama, Romney" 09/25/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Education has peeked into the forefront during the 2012 campaign for the White House with President Obama's push for low-interest student loans - and Republican challenger Mitt Romney's contrasting views on how to pay for college.

Other highlights include:

Home price bounce will help boost US economy

Obama: US to 'do what we must' to stop nuke-armed Iran

'Dangerous' prison escapee captured in Georgia

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Obama Lead Grows" 09/26/2012 5:30PM 30:00

NBC's Mark Murray and Domenico Montanaro discuss new poll data that shows a growing lead for President Obama in some key states and a new Romney campaign ad that shows the governor talking right to the camera.

NBC Nightly News With Brian Williams "Drought Cut Into Economic Growth Pace In Second Quarter" 09/27/2012 5:30PM 30:00

Economic growth was much weaker than previously estimated in the second quarter as a drought cut into inventories, setting the platform for an even more sluggish performance in the current quarter.

Other highlights include:

Summer's over, but drought persists; most of Lower 48 affected

Aid agencies 'overwhelmed' by flood of Syria refugees

After chief resigns, town's only certified officer is a dog

Meet The Press 09/30/2012 8:00AM 1:00:00

New Jersey's outspoken Republican Governor Chris Christie, a key supporter of Mitt Romney, joins us just three days before the all-important first presidential debate. What does Romney need to accomplish in his first bout with President Obama? Does the campaign need to reset after tough polling numbers in key swing states? We'll ask Chris Christie this Sunday on Meet the Press.

President Obama hunkers down this weekend ahead of Wednesday's first debate. What is the president's plan of attack for round one with Romney? We'll ask his senior adviser and architect of his 2008 campaign, David Plouffe

With the first debate scheduled for Wednesday, the race enters its final phase. What do the candidates need to do in the homestretch and during the debates to sway voters still sizing up their choices? And how much can the race change between now November 6th? Our roundtable weighs in: Conservative activist and founder of the Faith and Freedom Coalition, Ralph Reed; Fmr. Gov. Ed Rendell (D-PA); the BBC's Katty Kay; and NBC News Political Director Chuck Todd.

## **LOCAL & GOVERNMENT ISSUES**

KGW News Channel 8 reports on a variety of topics this quarter. Election races are heating up, with the Mayor's race at the top of the agenda. Portland Police are coping with the remnants of Occupy Portland and baseball is coming to Hillsboro!

### KGW News Channel 8 "Portland Youth Jobs" 07/09/12 6:30 PM :25

It's called "Summer-Works" and this year's program kicked off today. Portland is kicking off its "Summer Works" program. It's the fourth year the city's invested in sponsoring 95 jobs for youth in the city plus another 50 in Multnomah County. County officials say teen workers have been the hardest hit in the recent recession, with job numbers falling by 46 percent over the past three years.

### KGW News Channel 8 "Oregon Film and TV" 07/09/12 11:00 PM :30

Portland is in the spotlight because of all the TV shows shooting here. "Bloomberg Business Week" took interest; wondering what makes producers so interested in bringing their shows here. "Leverage" is in its fourth season. NBC's "Grimm" already started its second season and "Portlandia" is shooting season three. It is tax breaks and cash rebates that make the area so attractive. Oregon has six million dollars in the incentive pot. "We're in a pretty competitive business where you offer either a tax credit, or in our case, a cash rebate for projects to come and film in our state."

### KGW News Channel 8 "City Hall Camping" 07/10/12 11:00 PM :45

If you've visited Portland's City Hall recently you've probably noticed the extra people there to greet you. This group is protesting; demanding better housing for the homeless. Some have been there for more than six- months. Police say the campers aren't doing anything illegal if they leave 8 feet of sidewalk clear and don't put up structures. Folks we talked to about the protest had mixed reactions.

Andrew Degner; approves of campers: "If this is what people need to do to get their message out as Americans, they have a right to do that."

Danelea Milamova; disapproves of campers: "We're walking all the time here and watching them and I can't believe the government lets them stay here."

Police say there have been a few arrests. But so far the city has no plan to move everyone out, although police say that day could come.

### KGW News Channel 8 "Smart Park Increase" 07/11/12 7:00 PM :25

You may have already learned this the hard way. Prices at downtown Portland's six Smart Park garages have jumped. They now range from 8 to 15 dollars for a full day. Smaller increases were also approved back in May to match meter rates on the street. The city hopes the increases will encourage "parking turnover" since the demand for parking spots is up. The extra revenue will pay for a new automated payment system.



KGW News Channel 8 "Ratlandia" 07/11/12 11:00 PM 1:45

Go down to Portland's City Hall after dark and chances are you'll encounter rats, lots of them, scurrying between the parks and government buildings. Wait until you see what our cameras caught when we turned on the lights tonight! The Night-team's Reggie Aqui is live downtown tonight. The problem isn't new but the county and others say it's the size of the problem that's getting out of hand. When we heard of a big rat problem at the city-hall area parks it didn't surprise us. We saw our share of rats during the Occupy Portland camps. But that was nine months ago. When we returned there tonight, the number of rats was impressive. They weren't scared of us, not scared of a bright light and certainly, it appears, not afraid to multiply.

"Occupy picked up and left, they left of their own volition they were cleared out but these are rats, they don't pack suitcases like people, they are not in tents. And you will see one, two, three, four, five, six."

Look at what comes out of the holes at night. We just shot these images of the rodents going out for their nightly stroll through downtown Portland. Mike Withy showed us the numerous rat holes making pock marks throughout Terry Shrunken Plaza. It's a federal park. He said he and other concerned people alerted security at city hall a few weeks ago about the growing rat population. Withy was part of the camps occupying the nearby parks in the fall. He's now joining a homeless protest in front of city hall. Of course, the protesters have food and rats are attracted to food. Mike Withy insists his group isn't the problem. "They're trying to shift it on us and say we brought rats and the fact of the matter is they've been breeding for nine months. They should have known it and taken care of it."

It does appear someone is now setting traps on the federal property where the rats are living. And for that the protesters seem to be thankful. The county says it can advise the city and federal government about steps to curtail the rat problem. It will not trap or kill the rats. The county says: hire an exterminator.

KGW News Channel 8 "City Hall Camp" 07/13/12 6:30 PM :25

Today the office of Portland Mayor Sam Adams confirmed it will take action after mounting complaints about protesters camped in front of city hall. On Monday the area will be "power washed", forcing the group to leave for a few hours. Protesters have vowed to stay until the city provides more places for homeless people to live. The city also plans to start removing garbage and personal property from the area. Those who fail to cooperate will be arrested.

KGW News Channel 8 "Sand Transit Mall" 07/16/12 4:00 PM :30

Downtown Portland is looking a bit more like the beach today! Sand artists began sculpting away at Unico Plaza at Southwest Sixth and Oak. These aren't just sand castles built with buckets and shovels; these are real deal, elaborate works of art! This is all a run-up to the big sand-sculpting event "Yoshidas Sand in the City" which arrives right here on Pioneer Courthouse Square this coming Friday. The annual event runs through the weekend and will draw an estimated 60 thousand people to the bricks!

KGW News Channel 8 "Sellwood Bridge Flap " 07/17/12 5:00 PM 1:15

With construction on the new Sellwood Bridge project already underway a last minute "change in design" outrages many in the cycling community. In short the proposed change made too many people angry and the county doesn't have the time or money to try and sway opinion right now. Last week the county proposed changing the design of the bridge in order to help fund a 30 million dollar budget gap. The change would have put cycling and pedestrian activity on one side of the bridge and traffic would flow on the other. It would have also eliminated a 700 foot long bike ramp on the south side of the bridge. The changes to the bike lane would have saved about two and a half million dollars. But when the cycling community got word of the changes, it fought back and the county changed its mind.

"Shows some of the bias that exists, thinking that biking and walking access is something you can just get rid of."

Mike Pullen, Multnomah County spokesperson: "Rather than talk about it for two months, we figured let's just go back to the old plan."

The county says it will instead save money on other areas of the bridge, like using concrete columns instead of steel and eliminating some of the aesthetic features.

The county says those changes won't be as noticeable.

KGW News Channel 8 "Skateboard Signs" 07/18/12 5:00 PM :45

New skate friendly signs are now posted in the West Hills area. Two signs went up near Southwest Knights and Fairview and at the bottom of the Madison Trail this week. Last month city council considered a skateboarding ban in that neighborhood. The vote on whether to ban skateboards comes in September. City officials, skaters and neighbors are working together on a solution. One neighbor says the signs are much needed in the area. "I'm glad they did something. It really is very dangerous and the neighbors I know are afraid somebody is going to get killed. I hope this will do some good."

City crews will post two more signs at the Goose Hollow and Zoo MAX stops soon.

KGW News Channel 8 "Foster Fake Funeral" 07/18/12 5:00 PM :25

Neighbors marched along a dangerous stretch of road calling for more safety precautions. The group met at Southeast Foster and 80th last night. In the past few months several pedestrians have been hit and killed in the area. People would like to see more lights and crosswalks in the area. The Portland Bureau of Transportation says it's already put some precautions in place and it's working on a 3 million dollar plan to make it safer.

KGW News Channel 8 "Removing The Dock " 08/01/12 4:30 AM :25

It's going to be a busy day on Agate Beach. After sitting there for weeks, the 66 foot-long dock that washed away in the Japanese tsunami will start to be removed. Crews spent the day yesterday getting everything ready. A crane that can lift 100 tons is on the scene, ready to remove the dock after it is cut into sections. The pieces will be set onto large flatbed trucks and hauled to the Portland-area for recycling. One large piece will be set aside for a memorial.

KGW News Channel 8 "Washington Marijuana Ads " 08/06/12 7:00 PM :20

There's a new push in Washington State to legalize marijuana. A group called "New Approach Washington" launched a three week TV ad campaign. It features a woman who says she doesn't like marijuana but believes the taxes it generates could help fund schools and health care. The same group is behind Initiative 502 which voters will decide on this fall.

KGW News Channel 8 "Hillsboro Baseball " 08/07/12 11:00 PM :25

Tonight Hillsboro's city council approved a deal for naming rights at their new baseball stadium. The deal with "Short Season LLC" will bring about 150 thousand dollars a year to the city's coffers. The company gets to choose who will have naming rights for the stadium, field and parking areas. Seventy percent of the money from the deal will go to the city. Hillsboro hopes to have the proposed "Gordon Faber Recreational Complex" ready for the "Yakima Bears" next summer.

KGW News Channel 8 "Hawthorne Bike Counter " 08/08/12 6:30 PM :20

A device that counts bicyclists crossing the Hawthorne Bridge launched today. The data will help the city plan for future bicycle facilities. "Cycle Oregon" donated the 20 thousand dollar device, which is the first of its kind in the country. Cyclists say it will help show how important cycling is in our community. The device counted 23 hundred bicyclists just this morning.

KGW News Channel 8 "Reservoir Tainted " 08/09/12 7:00 PM :20

We're learning about a scare at a Portland-area reservoir. According to our news partner, The Oregonian, vandals broke into a reservoir at Mt. Tabor in May and tossed in some traffic cones, a hose and a bottle of hydrochloric acid. The water bureau calls the incident terrible but harmless to the public.

KGW News Channel 8 "Fluoride Flap " 08/10/12 4:00 PM 1:10

There's a push underway to put something in Portland's drinking water. Portland is the largest city in the country not to have fluoridated water. There are literally thousands of studies on this issue and people on both sides claim their evidence is overwhelming. It's been 32 years since Portland voted against putting fluoride in its water but that debate is resurfacing. A group of more than 70 local organizations are lobbying city council to add fluoride to Portland's drinking water. Supporters say fluoride will help fight Oregon's dental health crisis while opponents sight studies indicating fluoride could impact brain development.

"We have twice the rate of cavities in Washington State. The only difference is they fluoridate their water while we don't."

"Our children's health is at stake and I'm not talking about tooth decay I'm talking about IQ reduction and I'm talking about serious developmental disabilities."

The city council is expected to vote on the matter September 12th. Opponents are already organizing an effort to fight the move.

KGW News Channel 8 "Deportation Rules " 08/15/12 5:00 PM 1:15

For the first time, young people brought to the US illegally can apply to stay in the country and get work permits. In Oregon, more than 16 thousand people are expected to apply for the program. It was a very exciting and emotional time for the young people who've waited for this day. The program is called "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals". Dozens of people lined up outside the application support center in downtown Portland this morning. The new policy will allow undocumented young immigrants to legally stay for at least two years, as long as they meet certain conditions. They include having come to the US when they were under 16 and not having a criminal record. Miriam, who only wants to be identified by her first name, says this opportunity is a dream come true. "I think it's going to change a lot of people's lives for the better, not just applicants but their families, their friends, their community and I think that's why we're all doing this."

We followed Miriam as she mailed out her application at a post office this morning. Those who qualify will get a work permit and a driver's license. Opponents call the program unconstitutional. They say it will only reward illegal immigrants and companies who want cheap labor. But supporters say this is a huge win.

KGW News Channel 8 "PCC Cascade Safety " 08/16/12 4:00 PM :45

Portland police say a once-troubled area of the city is a lot safer this afternoon thanks to a new collaboration with neighbors. After several incidents of gang-related violence last year, leaders in the North Albina and Killingworth neighborhood reached out to the Portland Police Bureau. After coming up with a game-plan, officers focused on problem areas while the neighborhood invested in community projects. Today officers reported an 8% drop in police calls and a 16% drop in serious crimes.

Sgt. Mark Friedman, North Precinct: "It's been a collaborative effort and as far as I'm concerned it's one of the finest examples of the community and the police working together to improve neighborhood livability."

Community leaders say it's a step in the right direction but they're planning on doing even more to showcase their neighborhood.

KGW News Channel 8 "New Towing Rules " 08/21/12 11:00 PM :20

For those who park in Portland, new regulations could give you more protection from towing companies. They include adding more signs, requiring impound lots to be located within the city limits and allowing people to get important things out of their car even if they can't pay to get it out of impound. The city council could vote on these rules early next month.

KGW News Channel 8 "Kitzhaber Fluoride " 08/28/12 6:00 PM :25

Governor Kitzhaber is getting behind a push to add fluoride to Portland's water supply. A statement from his office says, as a physician, he believes tooth decay is a serious problem and fluoridation is an effective, affordable and safe way to improve public health. Mayor Adams, Commissioners Randy Leonard and Nick Fish all support the plan. That's a majority on the council, which is set to vote on the issue September 12th. Opponents are collecting signatures to put the issue up for a vote in November.

KGW News Channel 8 "TriMet Fare Change " 09/01/12 5:00 PM 2:15

Get ready for some sticker shock if you plan to take the MAX or streetcar. A system-wide change went into effect today which includes a ticket price jump. The free rail zone in downtown Portland and the Lloyd district is gone. While the free rides are over and most prices are going up, Tri-Met officials claim the system should become much less confusing. Folks in downtown Portland have been catching free rides on MAX and tri-met buses since fareless square was introduced in 1975. The free rides are now officially gone.

"It affects everyone. It really does, especially in the downtown area."

Also gone are the prices for different zones. It used to be \$2.10 cents to ride MAX for 2 zones and \$2.40 for all zones. Now all zones are gone so it's \$2.50 cents for 2 hours and 5 dollars for an entire day.

"The zone system was absolutely confusing and it scared people in the sense that whoa, what if I didn't do it right and I don't want to get a ticket."

TriMet has a 12 million dollar budget shortfall and the changes which also include some reduction in bus service are expected to save the agency close to 9 million dollars. Many riders seemed to understand the fare increases.

"People took advantage of it and TriMet has been trying to survive in this economy without socking it to the consumer and now they are being forced to make adjustments." The biggest impact is on those who have traveled around downtown for free. TriMet officials say part of their decision to eliminate the free rides was to make the entire system "fare" and balanced.

"It's also an equity issue. When you look across the entire system of 3 counties, only downtown Portland and the Lloyd district had a portion that was free."

A protest calling for a TriMet boycott attracted more pigeons than protesters on Saturday. After 8 months of public meetings, the most significant change to the system in TriMet's history has been made. It's important to note prices for disabled riders and riders over 65 fare prices actually dropped. For \$2.50 they can now ride all day. It used to cost them 5 dollars.

KGW News Channel 8 "Labor Day Rally " 09/03/12 5:00 PM 1:25

Tens of thousands of union workers and their families took the day off of work to rally at "Oaks Bottom Amusement Park". And in between the fun, the talk came back to one thing—jobs. Newschannel 8's Abbey Gibb joins us live from the Square after spending the day out there. The talk was all about jobs; how to keep them and grow them. And in a group that typically votes democrat some are looking for new leadership. And that's exactly what republicans want to hear.

Rob Kremer, OR Republicans: "I think we're in the doldrums and it's because there's too much uncertainty hanging over the economy by way of President Obama's policies." Gov. Kitzhaber: "At a time when we should be rebuilding the middle class there are people who are trying to make a scapegoat out of the labor movement."

Economic fears are what Governor Kitzhaber and his fellow democrats are hoping to quell. That's the message they were trying to deliver at the rally. The consensus from these union workers seems to be the economy is picking up, just not fast enough.

Hanh Truong: "I think we're stable but not a lot of improvement. People trying to find jobs – it's difficult, and a challenge. I'd be a little scared if I had to go out and find a job." Most we talked to feel it could still take a year or two to turn this all around.

KGW News Channel 8 "Grange Lawsuit " 09/04/12 5:00 PM 1:20

Developers of a proposed Wood Village casino may have hit a snag because of the name of their project: The Grange. A national service organization says the name is trademarked and it's threatening legal action. Today both sides met here in downtown Portland. Tomorrow The National Grange will hold a press conference to discuss its legal options. The National Grange says it already sent a cease and desist letter to developers of the proposed casino in Wood Village. Its members were shocked when advertisements started running using the same name. "The Grange" is described as a multi-use entertainment complex that would replace the abandoned Multnomah Kennel Club. Voters would have to approve the project on the November ballot. The national service organization says this fight isn't political. The Grange just wants to protect its trademarked name.

Ed Luttrell, National Grange President: "I've been getting emails and phone calls from our members, and they are absolutely furious."

A spokesperson for the proposed casino project said today, "We are in ongoing conversations with the Grange organization and would like to come to an amicable resolution."

KGW News Channel 8 "Kelly Butte Water " 09/04/12 11:00 PM :30

Portland's city council is set to consider a 57 million dollar project to build underground water tanks. The tanks are slated for Southeast Portland's Kelly Butte in 2014. But Commissioner Amanda Fritz and other critics say the effort to replace the city's aging water reservoirs is too costly and aren't necessary to comply with new drinking water regulations.

KGW News Channel 8 "Skateboard City Council " 09/05/12 8:00 PM :40

The new rules for skateboarders in Portland take effect immediately. The city council passed an "emergency ordinance" today, banning late night skate-boarding on several West Hills streets. It means no skateboards and other similar devices will be allowed from 10 pm to 7 am. The new law also requires riders younger than 16 to wear helmets. One skateboarder told us he has mixed thoughts about the rules.

"I don't think it's good or bad, I'm just disappointed in it because I would do it at night because I feel like it's safer just kinda more fun at night, but I understand why they're doing it."

Police will give out warnings for a week before they start writing tickets. The fine could cost up to \$115.

KGW News Channel 8 "Coal Health Impact " 09/10/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Health officials are now looking into what possible risk more coal trains rumbling through Multnomah County could pose to people living here. That comes at the direction of County Chair and coal opponent Jeff Cogen. Cogen has been outspoken with his concerns about adding coal export terminals and coal trains to the northwest.

But today the County Chair said he wants an objective study of coal's health risks, by the county's health department. Coal contains mercury, arsenic and other toxins. More than 30 more coal trains a day could run through Multnomah County, running to new terminals proposed throughout the northwest. Cogen wants to know if coal dust and diesel trains will make it harder for people here to breathe.

"If we discover through this assessment that this is a serious health problem we will be screaming loud and clear to state and federal leaders to not do this to us."

You've seen their ads running on TV and today the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Exports said it supports reviews of terminals and coal exports, but added "We urge elected officials with an ideological agenda not to manufacture opposition that will only kill the jobs and tax revenues these projects will create."

Chair Cogen is looking for at least an initial report in about a month.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Fluoride Vote " 09/12/12 6:00 PM 2:15

Tempers flare after weeks of debate over Portland's water supply but in the end, the Portland City Council votes unanimously to add fluoride to the city's drinking water. Today's vote allows the city to move forward with a five million dollar facility to get the fluoride in the water by March 2014. But if today's meeting was any indication, this fight is far from over.

"Let go of me. I know where the door is at. Don't touch me."

One by one they were forced to leave after opposition to fluoride got out of order.

"If you're gonna keep talking, leave or I'll have you removed."

In the end, all five members of the city council joined together to vote to add fluoride to Portland's drinking water. Opponents argue fluoride is a health risk, and that public input was limited.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz seemed to agree with that. "Before the conversation really got going the vote was already assured. That is not good public process and not how this council should make decisions that affect so many people in a personal way."

Commissioner Randy Leonard put fluoridation up for a vote and says before he did, the debate had been going on for decades.

"I promise you if we had hearings for one week, for an entire year people would have screamed in the audience as they did today."

"If you're gonna keep talking, leave or I'll have you removed."

The debate, or at least the discontent, continued today. Opponents hope to get voters to turn back the council's call, in either a referendum or initiative.

"When people understand what is being put in the water they understand the lack of public process. I think when they really understand the issue they will vote no."

But for now the decision is as clear as drinking water.

"And the science is very, very convincing. I am pleased to vote aye-(gavel); approved."

And with that fluoridation was also approved for 19 wholesale customers including big water districts like Tualatin and Gresham. Their leaders expressed concern they didn't get a say but as Commissioner Leonard told me today, it's our water and they buy it from us.

KGW News Channel 8 "PPB Civil Rights Report " 09/13/12 5:00 PM 2:40

The Portland Police Bureau is on the hot seat tonight after a highly critical review. The Feds claim Portland officers have a pattern of using excessive force when dealing with the mentally ill. These are findings that have rattled the ranks.

Chief Reese: "To be perfectly honest, it's disappointing to hear that the DOJ believes that you haven't got it right."

Portland's mayor admits that the assessment is blunt. Police get a failing grade for dealing with the mentally ill and he says, there's urgent need for change. The Department of Justice dropped the hammer on Portland police; harsh criticism after a 14-month civil rights investigation.

Amanda Marshall, US attorney: "What we have found is that the Portland Police Bureau does engage in a pattern or practice of an excessive use of force, specifically dealing with people who suffer from mental illness."

City leaders requested the federal probe, after a series of controversial officer involved shootings and in-custody deaths.

Chief Mike Reese, Portland Police Bureau: "I'll be perfectly honest, as a police officer it is disappointing to hear that the Department of Justice believes that you haven't got it right."

Investigators note that in most cases, police act appropriately. And they say that officers are not solely to blame. Statewide, there are gaps in mental health services.

Tom Perez, Asst. Attorney General, Civil Rights Division: "The challenges that we identified are not unique to Portland."

As a result of the finds, Portland police agreed to address the problem through improved policies, so officers have more guidance when faced with someone with mental problems. There will also be additional resources, including greater access to mental health experts.

Daryl Turner, Portland Police Union: "This is what officers have been talking about for years, this is not brand new. Fundamentally, I think we have to treat people in mental health crisis with compassion and empathy. We can't treat them the same way we treat somebody who's committed a bank robbery."

Police say they'd already started making changes, even before the Feds stepped in. The Department of Justice will spend the next month meeting with members of the community and officers, fine tuning recommendations on how police can improve.

KGW News Channel 8 "Vacant Lot Concern " 09/13/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Portland may take a new "get tough" approach in dealing with vacant properties that have become more than just eyesores. The first part of the plan is to create a way to know who owns properties like this, and how to reach them. With a deep recession and slow recovery the past several years, the number of vacant properties has erupted.

Bank owned, trust owned, or just abandoned - it can be very hard to figure out who is responsible for keeping up places like this. All too often, nobody does, and they become magnets for crime. The mayor wants to require owners to register contact information, to fine them if they don't and to demolish, if nobody takes responsibility.

Michelle Sanders, Lents area resident, likes the sound of it and hopes the city follows through. "We're trying to raise a family here. I've got a young daughter and a teenager



and we want to make sure they have a safe place to play, that there aren't people taking advantage of our spaces by breaking in."

This problem includes commercial properties. A big fire took out a warehouse on Portland's east side six years ago. This is the same property today, fenced up but obviously people are getting in. The mayor's "get tough" plan gets a council vote later this month.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Occupy One Year " 09/17/12 5:00 PM 1:45

It's a day of celebration, protests and arrests. Tonight is an anniversary marked and a nationwide movement revisited. In Portland, demonstrators marked the anniversary by marching through the streets. This Occupy demonstration had a much different feel than that of previous marches. It was much smaller. The crowd obeyed traffic laws. And there was no police presence. This afternoon roughly 100 demonstrators marched from the Burnside Bridge through southeast Portland. Organizers say this demonstration is intended to show solidarity with Colombian auto workers and also to mark the anniversary of the Occupy Movement. It started one year ago today on Wall Street. Then on October 6th, an estimated 10 thousand protesters marched through downtown Portland. Demonstrators set up camp in Chapman and Lownsdale Squares. They clashed with police, after a deadline was given to clear the parks. Demonstrators say they're still very active, just operating outside of the public view.

Greg Margolis, Jobs with Justice: "I think what Occupy is helping to do is provide a foundation for the kind of systemic change that is needed to have fairness for the 99 percent."

Ronald Tammen, PSU Hatfield School of Government: "The Occupy movement captured the nation's attention for months and people thought this was going to be a sustainable national movement but it seems to be dying out now, and I think it has been overshadowed by the political process, the national elections."

Demonstrators say they're planning a much larger rally for the anniversary of Occupy Portland in October.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Grange VS Grunge " 09/18/12 6:00 PM 2:15

Opponents of a casino in Wood Village are out with an ad that slams the developers of the proposal. Now those developers are threatening legal action if the new ad is not pulled. The intensity of the battle just shows how big the stakes are here. Developers are trying to persuade voters to change the state constitution and allow non-tribal casinos in the state. Opponents hope their new ad will push voters the other way. If approved by voters in November, the casino would be the first in Oregon outside reservation lands. It would be built at the old dog racing track in Wood Village. Supporters began running ads weeks ago touting the many benefits, including tax money for schools.

Spokesman for the Grange: "Millions in new revenue for our schools every year."

Now the other side is on the air with this ad, painting a dark picture of the company behind the casino, based on headlines involving other casinos it runs.

"Their New York casino deal was called rigged and corrupt."

But hold on say supporters. Yes, the deal was described as corrupt but it was the politicians not the company at fault.

Grange v Grunge, Rick Metsger: "But the Canadian backers, one of the applicants who are part of this proposal, was not accused of any wrong doing what so ever in that report or in that process."

Opponents are not backing off.

Steve Berman, Lawyer for "No On Casino": "We don't understand Clairvest's objection to these statements. These actually came from newspaper articles that are specifically provided; the sources are provided in the advertisement. Viewers can go and look up those sources."

There's also a suggestion a different Clairvest-owned casino attracts crime.

"And their new Illinois casino caused 14 hundred police calls last year."

But backers presented us with two letters from the police chief and mayor of that city in Illinois saying the ad is misleading and the casino safe.

Grange v Grunge, Rick Metsger: "It's a real miss-characterization of the truth. It preys on people's fears that are not based on the facts."

Still, opponents are standing firm.

Steve Berman, Lawyer for "No On Casino": "The ad is accurate because it's actually based on true facts."

And that leaves a high profile stale mate. Developers have threatened legal action but tonight it's unclear whether they'll take this all into court.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Clackamas County Railway " 09/18/12 11:00 PM :20

It was a victory tonight for opponents of rail projects in Clackamas County. In a special election voters overwhelmingly approved measure 3-401. It mandates that all new rail line projects get county-wide approval before officials commit money to them. It's unclear if the measure would affect the "Portland-to-Milwaukie" light-rail extension already underway.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Anti Coal Council " 09/19/12 6:00 PM 1:15

Portland city leaders have made it official - they don't want coal shipments coming through the city until they are convinced it's safe. And it's a resolution that basically says "no" to coal passing through the city until the impacts have been studied thoroughly. The resolution put up by Commissioner Amanda Fritz points out big health, safety and environmental concerns with coal. Five coal export terminals have been proposed for the northwest and that coal would come through the Columbia Gorge and Portland area to get to those terminals if they are built. The vast majority of people spoke in favor of a no coal resolution, but we also heard from supporters, including Union Pacific Railroad.

Brock Nelson, Union Pacific Railroad: "The fact is we move coal safely on a daily basis in greater quantities that will ever be seen in the city of Portland."

Martin Donohoe, MD Physicians for Social Responsibility: "Why on earth would we want to step back into the 19th century and foster the use of coal, the most toxic of fossil fuel?"

Now Portland has joined 25 other cities, counties and ports raising concerns about exporting coal from Montana and Wyoming, through this area on its way to Asia. The federal government is currently considering what types of studies to do, of the projects.

KGW News Channel 8 "Bridgeport Wrap Apartments " 09/25/12 4:00 PM 1:35

The Portland metro has one of the tightest apartment markets in the country and developers are responding. One of the newest is going up near Bridgeport Village in Tualatin. Newschannel 8 business reporter Joe Smith was at the ground breaking for what developers call "the wrap". The concept for the wrap is actually pretty simple; the buildings surround the parking garages which are located in the center of the development, hiding them from nearby streets. Other parts of the country have been building this type of complex for sometime but this is a first here. In Texas they call them 'donuts'. Today was the ceremonial ground breaking just south of Bridgeport Village on Lower Boones Ferry Road. This project started back in 2007 but, when the recession hit and financing dried up, construction stopped. Now with the economy improving it is back on the fast track. When it's completed there will be 367 luxury apartments and townhomes. In addition, there will be 22 thousand square feet of retail space along with walking paths to Bridgeport Village retailers.

Sam Rodriguez, Mill Creek Residential Trust: "This tightness in the market has created an incredible price increase in downtown properties, so people are getting priced out of that market but still want to live in new place that has a more urban feel so this is going to be that for them."

The 70 million dollar project will create some 400 construction jobs focused on green sustainable practices. Bridgeport Apartments, by the way, actually covers three jurisdictions - Tualatin, Durham and Washington County. All three will share in the tax revenue. The project is expected to be completed by late 2014.

KGW News Channel 8 "Old Town Proposal " 09/26/12 6:00 PM 1:25

Portland's "Old Town" could soon look a lot different on weekend nights. Police want to make the entertainment district a "car free zone" to make it safer for pedestrians. The proposal would shut down a stretch from Second to Fourth Avenue between Burnside and Everett Streets. Police say that on the weekends there are too many people crammed onto the sidewalks down here. And that crowding often leads to fights or people spilling into the streets. That's why they are proposing to close 2nd to 4th Avenue from Burnside to Everett on Friday and Saturday nights and during major holidays. Under the proposal cars, bike and skateboards would not be allowed in the 6 block area from 9 PM until 3 AM. The idea is to give pedestrians a bigger, safer space. Police took the idea to the Old Town - China Town Neighborhood Association this afternoon.

Andrew Guthrie, who owns Hobos Restaurant and Lounge, attended the meeting and says he supports the proposal.

"I do now. Like I say for ten days I had to wrap my head around it because of the initial shock but I spent last weekend here for a few days until close and its happening anyway. People are all over the place; we need to do something about it."

Police point out that other big cities, like San Francisco, have made their entertainment districts car free. If you oppose the idea, we should point out that it's by no means a done deal here in Portland. There will be more public meetings on the measure before any decisions are made.

KGW News Channel 8 "Timberline 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary " 09/28/12 5:00 PM :30

Some anniversary celebrations call for silver or gold. Today at Timberline it was a special postmark! To mark the historic lodge's 75th year, the postal service today unveiled the first in a series of seven special postmarks. It features the lodge with Mount Hood in the background. The rest of the series will celebrate other Mount Hood communities. Timberline Lodge was built in 1937 as part of the depression-era "Works Progress Administration." It was designated a national historic landmark in 1977.

## **HEALTH CARE ISSUES**

Staying healthy has become a subject of national concern for all Americans. From prevention to medical breakthroughs, KGW News Channel 8 is committed to providing our viewers with information that can improve their health and live productive lifestyles.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Coffee Skin Cancer" 07/02/2012 5:00 AM :30**

People who drink coffee regularly may have a lower risk for the most common form of skin cancer. Researchers looked at one hundred thousand nurses. They found the more coffee the participant's drank, the lower their risk for basal cell carcinoma. Coffee consumption also got linked to a lower risk for diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Caffeine appears to be the key. They also found other foods high in caffeine, like tea, cola and chocolate lowered the risk for the skin cancer, while decaf coffee did not.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "New Born Heart Test" 07/04/2012 4:30 AM :20**

A new article in a British medical journal recommends using a simple, non-invasive test to examine all newborns for heart defects. It doesn't use any needles and it is a low cost way of catching heart problems, which are the leading cause of infant death. The journal wants all hospitals to use it as much as possible since the test works so well.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Heat Injuries" 07/06/2012 12:00 PM :25**

Heat-related injuries are rising along with the temperatures across the US. The most common problem is heat stroke. That's when the body can't cool down. It can lead to neurological problems and patients often come into emergency rooms confused or very agitated. The CDC says that staying hydrated is the number one way to lower your body temperature and doctors suggest finding air conditioning during the hottest times of the day.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Cranberry Benefits" 07/10/2012 4:30 AM :20**

A new study shows cranberry products may prevent certain infections. Researchers looked at cranberries and their effect on urinary tract infections. They found the risk for these infections was more than 30 percent lower in women who drank cranberry juice or ate cranberries more than twice a day.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Sleep Food No-no's" 07/12/2012 5:00 PM :35**

If you want to sleep well tonight you may want to hold off on eating certain foods too close to bedtime. It is common sense that caffeine can keep you up, but alcohol can also make you toss and turn. It may make you feel sleepy initially but it can disrupt the quality of sleep later on. Also avoid large meals of any kind. Our bodies are meant to be quiet at night so if they have to digest a high fat, high protein, high fiber meal, it affects the quality of sleep. Avoid high-protein foods; they tend to make us more sharp

and alert. The best option is a light snack of about two hundred calories with a little protein and a carbohydrate.

KGW News Channel 8 "Walk and Alzheimer's" 07/16/2012 4:30 AM :25

How a person walks could be an early warning sign for Alzheimer's. According to a new study presented this weekend, changes in the way a person's body moves can tip us off to cognitive issues. Here's why this is a big deal -- it's the first time researchers have linked an outwardly physical symptom to the disease. Up 'til now doctors had to begin to diagnose the disease with lengthy cognitive and brain testing.

KGW News Channel 8 "ADHD Drug Safety" 07/18/2012 5:00 PM :25

Taking ADHD drugs long-term does not affect the developing brain, according to new research. The study looked at sixteen young primates with the age equivalent of six to ten year old humans. Half got a standard dose of Ritalin for more than a year, which would be about four years in children. Brain scans revealed no differences in the brains of those taking the drug, compared to those who weren't treated.

KGW News Channel 8 "Inactivity Risks" 07/20/12 5:00 PM :30

While smoking and obesity are known risk factors for an early death, experts now say inactivity is also deadly. Experts looked at several studies and they found about one in every ten deaths around the world is due to inactivity. They say people who don't exercise are more likely to develop cancer, type II diabetes and heart disease. But they say hundreds of thousands of lives could be saved every year by getting up and moving, even walking at a moderate pace could help.

KGW News Channel 8 "Cancer Treatment" 07/23/12 4:30 AM :25

Scientists in Canada have exciting news - they've made a breakthrough in cancer research. They're making progress on a vaccine that would make a patient's body fight off cancer, instead of using toxic drugs. It would mix a patient's tumor with a virus that targets and kills cancer cells. Together it alerts the immune system what to do. The concept has been proven to work on mice. The vaccine is moving to clinical trials in the next year or so.

KGW News Channel 8 "Brain Overeating" 07/25/12 5:00 PM :35

Scientists now think the same brain cells responsible for rewards and addiction may also work your hunger drive as well. A team of scientists from Yale discovered a set of neurons in the "reward center" of the brain that control hunger and over-eating. When they inactivated those brain cells in mice, the mice were far less interested in food and became leaner. But they suddenly wanted to explore new environments and they became very interested in cocaine in the lab. Here's why the research is important; the study suggests that in mice, and possibly in humans, there is an overlap between addiction and obesity in the brain.

KGW News Channel 8 "Yoga Stroke Recovery" 07/27/12 5:00 PM :25

Yoga may help stroke victims continue to improve long after their rehabilitation is over.

A small pilot study finds group yoga sessions can help with mobility and balance. With the sessions, patients were also less afraid of falling compared to other stroke survivors. Participants had finished with their rehab therapy after suffering a stroke at least six months before the study began. The yoga sessions included modified postures, relaxation and meditation.

KGW News Channel 8 "Exercise Depression" 07/31/12 5:00 PM :30

People with heart failure can improve their mood with a little exercise. Researchers studied nearly two thousand heart failure patients. Half were given an exercise routine to follow and half were treated with standard care. They found those who exercised reported fewer symptoms of depression. The more they followed the exercise program, the larger the reduction in depression. They also found those who reported high levels of depression had an increased risk of death, even if they were taking antidepressant drugs.

KGW News Channel 8 "Swallowable Sensor" 08/02/2012 5:00 PM :20

Doctors now have the ability to check on their patients remotely. The Food and Drug Administration has approved a digital pill that can be swallowed. It's the size of a grain of sand, and can monitor whether patients are taking their medications appropriately. The sensor is also designed to give doctors feedback on patients' heart rate and activity levels.

KGW News Channel 8 "Vitamin D" 08/06/2012 4:00 PM :35

A lot of us in the Northwest don't get enough Vitamin D because our bodies need sunshine to make it. Now we learn it could impact children who are already sick. "D" is important because it builds strong bones, helps your heart and boosts the immune system. For adults, deficiency can lead to soft bones, weak muscles and even some forms of cancer. New research suggests a "D-deficiency" can make sick children even sicker. Researchers say 40percent of the five hundred pediatric ICU kids they tested had low levels of Vitamin D. And those with the deficiency were sicker than those who had normal levels of Vitamin D

KGW News Channel 8 "Adults Walking" 08/08/2012 4:30 AM :25

More Americans are walking to improve their health. A new CDC study found that more than 100 million people living in the US are walking for exercise. The biggest increase was seen in the South, but its folks who live in the Western US who are walking the most. Despite the improvement, the CDC says less than half of all Americans are getting enough exercise to improve their health.

KGW News Channel 8 "Honey Cough" 08/10/2012 5:00 PM :30

Honey may become the go-to treatment for kids with a bad cough. In a new study, children suffering from a nighttime cough were either given two teaspoons of honey or other liquid before bed. They all started to feel better by the second night, but those given honey coughed less frequently and got more sleep. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend over-the-counter cough medicine for kids under age

six, so experts say honey could be a resource for parents trying to help their kids feel better and get a little shut eye themselves!

KGW News Channel 8 "Cocoa for Brain Health" 08/14/2012 12:00 PM :25

A favorite sweet could make you smarter. A new study found cocoa-based drinks helped senior citizens boost their brain power. For 8 weeks it followed 90 people who consumed drinks with either high, medium or low amounts of cocoa. Those who drank the most had the highest cognitive scores. We should point-out that the research was paid for by the candy company, "Mars, Incorporated."

KGW News Channel 8 "Egg Yolk Warning" 08/16/2012 4:00 PM :25

A new study from a university in Canada says eating eggs could be just as bad as smoking; it all depends on how many you eat. Researchers found just three yolks a week can accelerate heart disease almost as much as cigarettes. Patients also had significantly more plaque in their arteries. The study's lead author says while the general public believes smoking is far worse for your health, cholesterol can be just as dangerous.

KGW News Channel 8 "Meditation Loneliness" 08/20/2012 5:00 PM :25

Meditation may help ease feelings of loneliness. Researchers at UCLA had 20 people between the ages of 55 and 85 practice mindful meditation for 8 weeks. Another 20 served as a control group and did not meditate. The meditation group learned about being attentive to the here and now and not dwelling in the past or projecting about the future. At the end of the study, the meditation group reported fewer bouts of loneliness.

KGW News Channel 8 "Healthy Working Moms" 08/22/2012 5:00 PM :25

A new study suggests mothers who work outside the home may be mentally and physically healthier at age 40 than other mothers. Researchers from Penn State presented the findings at a meeting of the American Sociological Association. The study authors say mothers who want to work but are continuously unemployed tend to be the unhealthiest. They blame stress of finding and losing jobs.

KGW News Channel 8 "30 Minute Exercise" 08/24/2012 5:00 PM :25

If you don't like exercise but need to lose weight we have good news. Danish researchers found exercising for more than a half hour a day may be a wasted effort. In the study, participants who exercised for 30 minutes a day for three months lost just as much weight and body fat as those who exercised for an hour a day. That's despite the fact that the 60 minute group burned twice as many calories. One reason may be that the people who exercised for an hour ate more.

KGW News Channel 8 "Secondhand Cough" 08/28/2012 5:00 PM :25

Coughing is the body's natural way of protecting the lungs from chemicals and dust in healthy people. But breathing in secondhand smoke impairs kids' cough reflexes. That makes them more vulnerable to pneumonia and bronchitis. In tests, researchers found children and teens exposed to secondhand smoke needed to breathe in double the



amount of chili pepper to start coughing than those never exposed to secondhand smoke.

KGW News Channel 8 "Chocolate Stroke" 08/30/2012 4:30 AM :20

Men, you might want to stop and get some chocolate on your way to work. Researchers found it can help prevent a stroke. A study found men who consumed the most chocolate per day had a 17 percent lower risk of stroke compared to men who ate no chocolate. Researchers believe the flavonoids in chocolate may lower blood pressure and decrease bad cholesterol.

KGW News Channel 8 "Obesity Brain" 09/03/2012 5:00 PM :30

Children who have metabolic syndrome may perform worse in school than their healthier classmates. Metabolic Syndrome occurs when a child has three of five health conditions, like obesity, low levels of good cholesterol, high blood pressure, or pre-diabetes. Researchers at NYU compared nearly fifty children with Metabolic Syndrome to a group of kids without the disorder. They found those with Metabolic Syndrome had significantly lower math and spelling scores, and they had changes in their brain that indicate learning problems.

KGW News Channel 8 "Kids and Skin Cancer" 09/05/2012 4:30 AM :25

You probably don't associate skin cancer with kids but doctors say it's becoming a much more common diagnosis. They're finding it in teenagers, even kids as young as ten! Doctors believe genetics and ultra-violet light exposure are playing a big role. Dermatologists recommend you ask your pediatrician to do skin checks as part of your child's overall check up. The earlier doctors can find skin cancer, the more successful the treatment.

KGW News Channel 8 "Pregnant Woman Anxiety" 09/07/2012 5:00 PM :25

New research shows just how important it is for a pregnant woman to receive support when she's facing a serious pre-natal issue. The study assessed women whose fetus had been diagnosed with serious congenital heart disease. Nearly a quarter of the women had depression and 39 percent had traumatic stress. But those women who felt the most positive about their partner were better able to cope with their situation.

KGW News Channel 8 "Obesity Bacteria" 09/11/2012 5:00 PM :25

There is a potential break in the obesity fight. University of Maryland scientists identified 26 different types of bacteria in the human digestive system linked to obesity and other metabolic complications. The big question now is whether obesity is caused by the bacteria, or if the bacteria are caused by being overweight. If bacteria are to blame, doctors could find treatments to prevent morbid obesity in people.

KGW News Channel 8 "Acupuncture Pain" 09/13/2012 5:00 PM :20

New research is backing up acupuncture as an effective treatment for chronic pain. Scientists reviewed almost 30 studies involving patients with neck, back and shoulder pain, chronic headaches or osteoarthritis. The study published in the "Archives of

Internal Medicine" found those who got acupuncture reported less pain than those who didn't get acupuncture.

KGW News Channel 8 "Hispanics Cancer" 09/17/2012 5:00 PM :30

Cancer is now the number one killer among Hispanics living in the US, surpassing heart disease. According to the American Cancer Society, fewer Hispanics die from breast, lung, prostate and colorectal cancers than Caucasians or African-Americans. But Hispanic mortality rates are higher for cancers of the stomach, liver, cervix and gallbladder. Hispanics are also more likely to get diagnosed at an advanced stage of disease for all types of cancer.

KGW News Channel 8 "New MS Drug" 09/19/2012 5:00 PM :30

An experimental drug to treat multiple sclerosis is showing promise in clinical trials. Researchers at the Cleveland Clinic have been studying a medication called BG-12. One of its big benefits is that it comes in pill form; most of the current treatments are an injection. In the latest studies, BG-12 cut the number of MS relapses in half. The drug also significantly reduced the number of brain lesions associated with the attacks. The FDA is expected to make a decision about the drug by the end of this year.

KGW News Channel 8 "Standing vs. Sitting" 09/21/2012 4:00 PM :30

Get moving - that's what doctors will tell you. But getting up and standing, instead of sitting, can do more than help you stay fit or lose weight. Doctors are finding that standing decreases your chances of developing some cancers, diabetes, even obesity. That's because when we stand our muscles fire. When that happens our insulin works 40 percent better. Scientists also think that a lipo-protein that converts bad cholesterol into good diminishes by 95 percent when you sit too long. That factor alone can increase the risk of heart disease by 30 percent.

KGW News Channel 8 "Sickle Cell Donors" 09/25/2012 5:00 PM :30

There is new hope of curing patients with Sickle Cell Disease even without a perfectly matched donor! New research at Johns Hopkins studied 8 patients who received bone marrow from half-matched donors. All eight were free of anemia and painful bouts from the disease and most no longer needed medication. This is encouraging because a perfect match is very difficult to find, but parents, children and most siblings can be half-matched donors.

KGW News Channel 8 "Female Brain DNA" 09/27/2012 5:00 PM :30

Here's a bit of brain-twister. Scientists have discovered male DNA in the brains of women. It's unclear what, if any, implications this has for women's health. Doctors suspect the male DNA is most likely leftover from prior pregnancies with a boy. The researchers who did the study at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle say it's interesting that the fetal cells appeared to cross the blood-brain barrier.

**YOUR MONEY, YOUR BUSINESS: CONSUMER ISSUES AND ECONOMIC CRISIS**

KGW News Channel 8 keeps a close watch on economic developments and informs viewers of consumer issues to aid them in making wise spending decisions.

**KGW News Channel 8 "Airbus US" 07/02/2012 6:30 PM :20**

Airbus outsources to the US, bringing jobs and money. Europe's leading airplane manufacturer announced plans today to build a 600 million dollar assembly plant in Mobile, Alabama. It will produce a 320 passenger jet, the competitor to Boeing's popular "737". The facility should open by 2015. It's Airbus' first plant in the western hemisphere.

**KGW News Channel 8 "Rents Rise" 07/04/2012 6:30 PM :20**

Rents are on the rise. Real estate website "Trulia" reports they jumped an average of five-point-four percent over the last year. In some areas it's much higher. San Francisco and Fort Worth, Texas renters are paying nearly 15 percent more. Analysts say the large number of former homeowners, displaced by foreclosure, have driven up the demand for rentals and that has sent costs soaring.

**KGW News Channel 8 "Consumer Debt Drops" 07/06/2012 6:30 PM :25**

Americans are doing a better job getting their debt under control. The percentage of people with overdue payments on credit cards, auto loans and other debt dropped during the first three months of the year. Also, the 'American Bankers Association' reports the number of loans at least 30 days overdue dropped to about two percent. That's the lowest since 2007. And overdue credit payments dropped to its lowest level since 2001.

**KGW News Channel 8 "Portland Home Prices" 07/10/2012 6:30 PM :20**

Portland metro area home prices are up. Clear Capital reports they climbed 3.3 percent in June from the same month a year ago. The data firm's research shows housing prices rebounded overall nationwide with yearly gains of 1.7 percent. But the West led in price recovery and growth. It also boosted its forecast, expecting continued growth in 2012.

**KGW News Channel 8 "United Boeing Jets" 07/12/2012 6:30 PM :20**

Today there is a major boost for Boeing. United Airlines wants 150 new Boeing 737 jets. The order, placed this week, is worth more than 14 billion dollars. United calls the 737s more reliable and 15 percent more fuel efficient than its current aircraft. This is the first order for new planes since United and Continental merged in 2010.

KGW News Channel 8 "New Hillsboro Hospital" 07/16/2012 6:30 PM :2:10

It's just what the doctor ordered - Kaiser Permanente unveils its newest hospital. It's another sign of growth in our area and one of largest construction projects in the state. It fills the need of the growing population in Washington County. Newschannel 8 Business Reporter Joe Smith got a first look at the first new major hospital in our area in decades.

Matt Miller is the project director for Kaiser Permanente's new Westside Medical Center in Hillsboro and he's happy to show it off. "It's really beautiful. We're really excited. Somewhere in the neighborhood of some 500 men and women were able to find work because of this project."

Ground broke on the area's newest hospital three years ago. It's a 348 million dollar investment. Miller hopes to go for the gold - LEED certification. "It will be the first hospital within the Kaiser system to receive a LEED certification of any kind."

The entire complex will use 27 percent less energy and 35 percent less water, beating Oregon's strict building codes. With major construction now completed, it will take another year of move-in before the first patient walks through the doors to what is also a place of art.

Doctor Imelda Dacrones says from the meditation gardens to the use of color and light and art, all by northwest artists, it's all part of the process. And each floor takes a theme from nature as its palette. "There is growing evidence there are certain art and elements that can promote healing."

The operating room is a marriage of technology and what's called cultural competent care. "Understanding the community you serve is huge in terms what are their beliefs are and in terms of healing, about seeking care and about receiving care."

It's reflected in the details, including bi-lingual signage. "In this community 25 percent identify Spanish as their first language."

All 126 beds are in private rooms. Patients can order room service, Skype with loved ones or consult with doctors across town. It will take a thousand people, doctors, nurses and support personal, to staff the hospital to make it all happen.

"It's a beautiful building, but really it's about what happens to you as a patient that's the most important."

Kaiser Permanente's Westside Medical Center will open a year from this August.

KGW News Channel 8 "AT&T Wireless Plans" 07/18/2012 6:30 PM :20

AT&T will soon offer wireless plans allowing customers to connect up to 10 devices. They're called "mobile share". They let connected phones receive unlimited texts and calls as well as wireless data access. AT&T says they will still keep its traditional, individual phone plans as well. The new plans will debut in late August.

KGW News Channel 8 "Gas Prices" 07/20/12 6:30 PM :20

Gas prices are up 11 cents a gallon since the start of this month and it could get worse.

Gasoline futures prices are up 40 cents a gallon since late June. But experts say cost increases or declines on the futures market are rarely passed all the way through to the consumer. Still, drivers could see another five or ten cent hike in the next few weeks.

KGW News Channel 8 "Internet Sales Tax" 07/24/12 6:30 PM :20

Paying sales tax for online purchases is one step closer to becoming reality. At a hearing on Capitol Hill today, lawmakers said they were ready to write up a bill to force internet companies to pay state sales taxes. Most don't, thanks to a loophole in a 1992 Supreme Court ruling. The bill already has bi-partisan support and if it passes, it would likely mean you'll pay more for things you buy online.

KGW News Channel 8 "EBay Kids" 07/26/12 6:30 PM :20

EBay is considering allowing minors to create accounts. It means kids could buy "most" items on the online auction site. Though executives tell the Wall Street Journal they'll design it to deny access to adult content and products to those under 18. The accounts would also likely need parental authorization.

KGW News Channel 8 "GM Smartphone Safety" 07/30/12 6:30 PM :20

General Motors is testing a "wireless pedestrian detection system". The goal is to help drivers avoid hitting people pre-occupied with their Smartphone's. The system would detect a cell's Wi-Fi signal and compare it with the vehicle's signal. It then alerts the driver when both signals are within a few hundred feet of each other.

KGW News Channel 8 "Samsung Music Streaming" 08/02/2012 6:30 PM :30

Samsung is going after "Spotify" and "I-tunes". It's launching a new music-streaming app; "Music Hub" does what the others can and more. It combines a cloud music locker, unlimited streaming, a radio player, and a music store. Apple's I-tunes sells songs and copies them in a virtual locker on a computer server and "Spotify" only provides on-demand access to music and a radio service. "Music Hub" costs ten dollars a month.

KGW News Channel 8 "Southwest Refunds" 08/06/2012 6:30 PM :25

Southwest Airlines is issuing refunds to hundreds of its customers. At issue is that the carrier accidentally billed people multiple, in some cases up to 30 times for one flight. It happened late last week. Southwest blames the glitch on a half-price online ticket promotion. In addition to refunds the airline it's also paying for overdraft bank fees the mishap created.

KGW News Channel 8 "Digiboo PDX Movies" 08/08/2012 6:30 PM :35

Travelers at PDX now have an easier way to rent or buy movies before getting on their planes. Digiboo has installed seven interactive touch-screen kiosks in the airport's concourses. The digital retail entertainment download service launched today. Movies can be downloaded in 30 seconds and played back on any windows-enabled pc, laptop or tablet.

Blake Thomas, Digiboo; "Portland is a great market for us because the market is very well educated and very tech savvy and quite forward thinking, early adopters."

Digiboo offers more than 800 movies to choose from. It costs \$3.99 to rent new movies and \$2.99 for older ones. Movie purchases are \$14.99

KGW News Channel 8 "Sesame Street Character" 08/10/2012 6:30 PM :25

Sesame Street is hiring. It wants a new multi-talented Hispanic character. The long-running show has prominently featured Latinos and Latino culture in its four-decade history, with characters like Rosita, Maria and Luis. Now it's looking for an addition. Qualifications include someone 18 to 25 years old, male or female, who can sing, dance and is also bilingual. The new character will be featured in Sesame Street's 44th season. Taping begins this fall.

KGW News Channel 8 "I-phone Price Drop" 08/14/2012 6:30 PM :25

Target and Best Buy dropped their prices on I-phones. The 16 gigabyte versions of the AT&T and Verizon 4-S is now 180 dollars with contract at Target. And Best Buy slashed 50 bucks off the eight gigabyte I-phone 4 for both carriers. It is 50 dollars. The drops could signal the I-phone 5 is on its way. It's well rumored Apple plans to debut its next generation device mid-September.

KGW News Channel 8 "Child Care Costs" 08/16/2012 6:30 PM :25

Child care now costs more than rent in some states! According to "Child Care Aware of America", the annual cost of infant care increased by about two percent last year. Prices ranged from more than 45 hundred-dollars in Mississippi to 15 thousand dollars in Massachusetts. Child care costs exceeded rent payments in all 50 states when parents paid for two children. And in 35 states, infant care was more expensive than tuition and fees at four year public colleges.

KGW News Channel 8 "Wal-Mart Layaway" 08/20/2012 6:30 PM :20

Wal-Mart is bringing back layaway. The retailer received such an overwhelming demand during last year's holiday season that it's expanding its interest-free pay-over-time service. But this year's program lasts a month longer and includes more items. It begins September 16th and runs through December 14th.

KGW News Channel 8 "Existing Home Sales" 08/22/2012 6:30 PM :20

There are new signs that the housing market is picking up. Americans bought more homes in July than in June. The National Association of Realtors reports a 2.3 percent jump in existing-home sales. It's the first increase in three months. At the same time, prices also rose slightly. However, the annual pace is still below what economists consider healthy.

KGW News Channel 8 "Credit Card Users" 08/24/2012 6:30 PM :20

Credit card users are happier with their cards than they have been in years. That's according to JD Power and Associates, which surveyed nearly 14 thousand credit card customers. The card holders' satisfaction comes from an end to jacked-up fees, increased rewards, and better resolution of problems. American Express is the top-rated card, for the sixth straight year.

KGW News Channel 8 "Best Airline Seats" 08/27/2012 6:30 PM :20

Looking for the best seats on an airplane? Travel experts say you should always pick seats as close to the front as possible and avoid the back. Seats get narrower closer to

the tail. You can also check out reviews on "seatguru.com." And even after you've booked a seat, keep checking seat availability even 48 hours before departure.

KGW News Channel 8 "Stumptown HQ" 08/30/2012 6:30 PM :20

One of Portland's favorite coffee companies is consolidating. Today Stumptown cut the ribbon on its new headquarters on Southeast Salmon with a little help from a few local politicians. The building will now house all of Stumptown's operations including roasting and training.

Matt Lounsbury, Director of Operations: "Everybody gets to be under one roof on a daily basis."

One of the biggest aspects of the new building is its energy efficiency, including a new thermal oxidizer that drastically cuts down on emissions.

KGW News Channel 8 "Gas Prices Drop" 09/03/2012 11:00 PM :25

After the record gas prices we saw this holiday weekend, there may be some relief in sight. Experts say the damage from Hurricane Isaac is not serious and gulf coast refineries should be able to get back to work soon. Also, today ends the peak driving season and the end of the "summer gas blend". It could bring prices down 20 cents in the next month. Nationally the price for a gallon of unleaded gas sits at \$3.83 a gallon. Oregon drivers are paying an average of \$4.02.

KGW News Channel 8 "Amazon New Kindle" 09/06/2012 4:00 PM :20

Amazon today showed off several updated versions of its Kindle Fire Tablet, its latest effort to take a bigger share of the market dominated by Apple's iPad. The basic model will cost 159 dollars, down from 199 for the old model. It will start shipping September 14th. Amazon also announced a new stand alone e-reader, called "Paperwhite", with a black and white screen.

KGW News Channel 8 "Flying Tablets" 09/10/2012 6:30 PM :15

Surprise, surprise! More frequent flyers are switching from laptops to tablets. According to an online survey by "Flight-View", 37% of travelers said they used tablets while 38% used laptops. "Flight-View" says it expects tablet use to surpass laptops by next year.

KGW News Channel 8 "Credit Card Use Down" 09/11/2012 6:30 PM :25

Americans are putting away their credit cards. The Federal Reserve reports credit card use dropped in July for the second straight month. Consumer debt declined, even though government data released last week showed Americans increased their spending during the same time frame. Analysts say consumers are still remaining cautious in the face of high unemployment and slow economic growth.

KGW News Channel 8 "Thanksgiving Travel" 09/13/2012 6:30 PM :20

Plan to fly for Thanksgiving? It may seem early but if you want to get the best deal, the cheapest flights prices available, start next week. That's according to farecompare.com. The least expensive days to book include the Monday before

Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving Day. On the return, any day but Sunday or Monday after the holiday is when to book. On those days rates are 15 to 20 percent cheaper.

KGW News Channel 8 "Young Car Drop" 09/17/2012 6:30 PM :30

Young Americans are hitting the brakes on buying cars. Auto shopping website "edmunds.com" reports the number of new vehicles purchased by 18 to 34 year-olds dropped 30 percent over the last five years. The economy gets some of the blame but other studies show a shift in priorities. More young adults are using public transportation and using rental companies, including "Zipcar" and "Car-To-Go". Social media also plays a role. Cars used to mean "freedom" but many now find that by interacting online and on their cell phones instead.

KGW News Channel 8 "Housing Market Boost" 09/19/2012 6:30 PM :25

There are fresh signs that the housing market is on the rebound. The National Association of Realtors reports sales of previously owned homes jumped nearly eight percent last month. That's the fastest annual rate since May 2010. Also, the national median price for a home resale increased to more than 187 thousand dollars. That's a nine and a half percent jump from a year ago. Meantime, homebuilder confidence just hit a six year high.

KGW News Channel 8 "Holiday Hiring" 09/21/2012 6:30 PM :25

The nation's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, says it expects to hire more than 50 thousand people for the holiday season. That's up from last year. Analysts study the holiday hiring figures from Wal-Mart and others for clues about overall employment trends and sales expectations for the holiday season, the most important period of the year for retailers. Stores typically begin to hire for the holidays in mid-September and ramp up hiring in mid-October.

KGW News Channel 8 "Google Driverless Car" 09/25/2012 6:30 PM 2:00

Driverless cars could soon hit the roads in California. The state's governor signed legislation today at Google's headquarters. It establishes safety regulations to make the self-driving vehicle street legal. The next step is that the DMV must draft rules for public testing. Google's fleet uses computers, sensors and GPS to operate independently. It hopes its cars are on streets in less than five years.

KGW News Channel 8 "How Much to Tip" 09/27/2012 6:30 PM :25

How much do you tip when dining out? Some could still debate on whether leaving 15 percent or 20 percent is the right amount for a good job. But some New York waiters are getting a whole lot more. A Cornell University professor studied some nine thousand credit card receipts from a restaurant in Poughkeepsie. He found more than 30 percent of patrons left a tip of more than 20 percent.



## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

KGW News Channel 8 covers a variety of environmental topics this quarter as we keep our viewers informed of health and safety issues in their home environments, wildlife and their habitats, energy conservation and energy alternatives, pollution, all the way to issues with our global environment.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Merkley Electric Tour" 07/02/12 6:00 PM :45**

It's the first Fourth of July you can drive across Oregon without burning a drop of gas. Senator Jeff Merkley made this shocking announcement right before he climbed into his "electric" car. Newschannel 8's Consumer Reporter, Ed Teachout, shows us what's changed in a year to make this trip possible. And that's enough places to fill her up without running out of juice is the reason. Senator Jeff Merkley says becoming independent from foreign oil is a great reason to celebrate this Independence Day. The senator filled up his Nissan Leaf all-electric vehicle at Portland State University's Electric Avenue before traveling south to California. Merkley says there are now hundreds of places across the state to juice up electric vehicles which he hopes will encourage more folks to buy electric cars. Portland Mayor Sam Adams agrees. "But what still holds a lot of people back is anxiety that they'll run out of juice, that they'll run out of electricity."

"So this is a win for our economy and jobs, it's a win for our national security and it's a win for our environment."

Gas prices are now cheaper than last year at this time. But gas, at four dollars a gallon costs 22-cents a mile, versus two cents for an electric car. The only problem is that the fastest electric charging station still takes 45 minutes to fill her up.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Corvallis Plastic Bags" 07/03/12 7:00 PM :20**

Portland has some company when it comes to a plastic bag ban. The Corvallis City Council voted unanimously Monday night to ban single-use plastic bags at big retail stores, such as supermarkets. Customers would be charged five cents per paper bag. Businesses with more than 50 employees will have six months to transition; smaller businesses get a year.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Stink Bug Wine" 07/10/12 5:00 PM 1:25**

Researchers are raising a stink about an invasive pest that could devastate vineyards and orchards in the Willamette Valley. We're talking about the stink bug. They say it's only a matter of time before this nearly indestructible bug makes its way into area crops like these. And once there, it can do big damage. The Marmorated stink bug originates from Asia. About three weeks ago Oregon State University researchers discovered a well established population of the bug in Hood River, a city surrounded by agriculture.

Brian McCormick has an organic vineyard and farm in nearby Mosier. He says he's worried. "If this really turns out to be a pest that reproduces actively and we can't solve it would certainly put us out of organics or out of the business."

Peter Schearer, Professor of Entomology at Oregon State University: "In 2010 it destroyed about 50 percent of Pennsylvania's peach crop and 40 million dollars worth of apples in the mid Atlantic states."

Researchers say traditional pesticides don't work on the small tank-like invaders. But they have found a tiny wasp, a local insect that kills the stink bugs eggs. Researchers estimate they have about a two year window to find a solution before the Marmorated stink bug makes its way into agricultural areas.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Mosquitoes Bad" 07/11/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Everyone's enjoying this warm spell with no rain in sight but there could be an unpleasant side effect. Mosquito season is starting to pick up. Dawn and dusk hours are peak feeding times for mosquitoes so you may want to get out those bug sprays if you're out and about. Multnomah County Vector Control specialists say they're just starting to see more mosquitoes around the area. We followed Josh Henman as he tested a field for young mosquitoes in north Portland this afternoon. He found a dozen larvae in just one sample. Henman treated the field right away to kill off those pesky bugs. "It's easier to control them here than it is when they fly away; it's cheaper, its far more effective."

If you're seeing those blood sucking predators, the best advice is to get out those bug sprays. Experts say other ways to keep them away: clean your gutters, clear any standing water around your home and keep your swimming pool maintained.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Condit Dam Fish" 07/19/12 5:00 PM 1:25

There is very good news for some fresh water creatures. Big fish are once again finding a home, in a part of a river where they haven't been in nearly 100 years. It's a hike to get the proof, but it was well worth traveling to the White Salmon River. The town of White Salmon is just across the Columbia, from Hood River. We drove about 12 miles up from there, and then hiked in to BZ Falls. It's upstream from where Condit Dam used to stand in the way of migrating fish. Look closely and you'll see what biologists believe are steelhead, trying to jump BZ Falls. We've edited a number of jumps together and slowed some down, so you can see clearly. It was an amazing sight. It is the first time these fish have been able to travel here since 1913. That's when Condit Dam first blocked their way. The dam was breached last October. "And there's been a lot of anticipation about whether fish would come back; how long it would take; if the river was ready. And I think we got our answer."

Burkardt and a USGS fish biologist first saw steelhead jumping at the falls last Sunday. They say there may be salmon in the mix already, too. Condit Dam is still being dismantled so the fish are making it though a tunnel that was blown out last fall. It just shows how strong they are, and how much better it could be, when the dam is completely removed.

KGW News Channel 8 "New Recycling Labels" 08/01/12 4:00 PM :20

Recycling labels are being revamped to make "going green" a little easier. Come this fall, the new labels will let you know if something is widely recycled or limited. It'll also indicate whether something is okay for curbside pickup or if it's store drop-off only. Many companies are already on-board, including Estee Lauder, Costco, Best Buy and General Mills.

KGW News Channel 8 "New Quake Study" 08/01/12 7:00 PM :20

Scientists have a better idea of the odds of a major earthquake hitting the Oregon coast. Researchers at OSU point to new research that shows a 40 percent chance of a magnitude 8 quake or higher in the next 50 years. The southern Oregon coast near Coos Bay is the most likely area. Northern Oregon has a 20 percent chance.

KGW News Channel 8 "AAA Electric Charge Truck" 08/03/12 5:00 PM :40

AAA unveiled a new truck today that can service electric vehicles that run into trouble on the road. The mobile EV charging truck is one of six deployed around the country. It means AAA can come to the rescue of members with electric vehicles that run out of power. The idea is to charge the vehicle for 15 minutes to give it enough power to get up to ten miles to a charging station. It's powered by compressed natural gas. "We're real excited. We want our members who own electric vehicles to have the same sense of peace of mind and safety that all of our other members have." The truck will also be able to provide traditional road side service.

KGW News Channel 8 "Cool House, Less Money" 08/03/12 6:00 PM 1:15

Just because the temperatures are going way up this weekend doesn't mean your energy bills have to. Making a few fairly simple changes inside your home could save you big bucks. With temperatures getting up there in the nineties you can bet folks will be cranking up that AC. But if your home is not properly sealed or insulated you could be wasting more than half that energy. Energy Trust of Oregon says only about 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are properly insulated. Energy advisors recommend insulation that's at least 13 inches thick in your attic and crawl spaces. They also recommend you check your air ducts to make sure they are not cracked or leaking. "The greatest area for improvements for both energy savings and comfort will be insulation and air sealing. The gaps and cracks in people's homes can add up to being the equivalent of having a window open all season."

Energy Trust offers free "home energy reviews" to pin-point areas where homeowners can save both energy and money. The organization also offers hundreds of dollars in incentives to help folks cover the cost of any improvements. Anyone interested in getting one of these free energy audits can find a link to that information on our website [kgw.com](http://kgw.com).

KGW News Channel 8 "Canola Seeds Flap" 08/10/12 6:00 PM 1:40

Starting today Willamette Valley farmers can grow a previously banned and often controversial crop. We're talking about canola. Yes, the same stuff used to make cooking oil. So why the controversy? Mike Iverson has been growing produce at his Aurora farm for more than thirty years. Vegetables, he says, could be in jeopardy if

nearby farmers start planting canola. Iverson believes canola seeds could spread from neighboring farms into his fields, carried by the wind or birds. And he says once the foreign plant moves in, it can become a host for disease. Because of such concerns, farmers up until now had been prohibited from growing canola in the Willamette Valley. But with the national push to find alternatives to fossil fuels some struggling farmers see canola as way to make more money. Along with cooking oil, canola seeds are used to make bio-diesel. So the Oregon Department of Agriculture decided to expand the areas where canola can be grown. The state opened up about one-fifth of the previously restricted land to canola planting. The Department of Agriculture says farmers will have to follow strict guidelines to prevent its spread. But many farmers, like Iverson, fear those safeguards won't be enough to keep the controversial plant from creeping into their crops. Farmers who plan to plant canola say there will be plenty of buffer space between it and other crops. The Department of Agriculture anticipates only about five to ten thousand acres of it will be planted.

KGW News Channel 8 "Net Zero Home" 08/20/12 4:00 PM 1:15

You could call it the ultimate in living green. A builder in Vancouver is using the latest technology to build the areas first net zero energy home. The home will produce as much energy as it uses. Neighbors will be "green" with envy. We're talking no monthly electric or gas bill at the end of the month. The home leaves virtually no carbon foot print. Urban Northwest Homes in Vancouver has been working to build its first "net-zero energy home" for two years. This past Saturday ground was broken for the new home at the company's Wild Glen sub-division. The entire 18 home project has been given the National Association of Home Builders highest four star award under the associations national green building standard. It's the first for a builder on the west coast.

Troy Johns, President, Urban New Homes: "We build an ultra tight shell on the house; we put in super high efficiency, pretty much everything you can put in a house."

Johns says it does cost more to build, about two to three percent, and it does take a little longer to build, about 60 days. The price of the home will be 390 thousand dollars. Urban NW homes is planning to build four more net zero energy homes in the Portland area, one every six months.

KGW News Channel 8 "Boats Zebra Mussels" 08/20/12 6:00 PM 2:05

An unwelcome visitor is trying to get across the Oregon border. But News Channel 8's environmental reporter Keely Chalmers found out that a state crack down on the invasive species in the water may be helping stop its spread. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has set up inspection stations along our borders, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep "tiny invasive mussels" from destroying our waterways. "We're looking for quagga and zebra for our main things but also plants."

Today Patrick Sandy got a lesson on how to inspect his boat for invasive species. It was a lesson he was more than happy to get.

It's inspections just like this that are uncovering some alarming findings. Three months ago the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife set up stations along both the southern and eastern borders of the state and this is what they found - invasive zebra and quagga mussels.

Last year inspectors found only 6 infested boats. So far this year, seventeen vessels have been infested. "You can see here just how small the mussels are. They can easily hide in the cracks and crevices of boats. Once in a lake or reservoir they collapse the food chain from the bottom up."

And in rivers they clog-up hydro-systems. And experts say if they get into our water we can't get rid of them, we can only manage them.

Experts estimate it would cost about 25 million dollars a year if the invasive mussels got into dams along the Columbia.

This year boat inspections are mandatory. Even if your boat is as small as a kayak you are required to stop and get it checked if you see an inspection sign.

It's up to boaters to stop them. The fine for not stopping if you see a sign for a boat inspection is a hundred and ten dollars. And again that goes for all watercraft, even rafts.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Salem Solar Trash" 08/22/12 5:00 PM 1:15

The city of Salem is going high tech with its trash cans and saving money. These are actually solar trash compactors; you can see the solar panel right here, no electricity needed. When the can gets full it automatically compacts the trash inside. As a result, these fancy cans can hold up to five times as much trash as traditional cans. Last year the city of Salem purchased 33 of the solar cans using federal stimulus money. Each one of the cans costs about 4 thousand dollars, but the city says it's worth the money in savings. This past year crews have made more than 300 fewer trips to empty the cans, which saved nearly 300 gallons in gas. And get this - many of the cans have a sensor that sends a signal to the city when the can is full. It's an investment some say is worth it while others think it's, well, a waste.

"At over a hundred thousand dollars they could have done something else with the money."

Kristina Mitchell, solar can supporter: "I think it's great; save the environment year. I have no problem with it."

The city says before it uses any of its own money to buy more of these cans, it's going to study the savings over a few more years.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Toxic School Supplies" 08/27/12 6:00 PM 1:15

There is a warning tonight as you stock up on those "back-to-school" supplies. A new study reveals that some of them may contain toxic chemicals. They are found in what's called "PVC plastic" or "vinyl." You'll find them in everything from school binders to back-packs. We even found them in boots! The toxic chemicals are called phthalates. They're in that soft, flexible plastic that has a strong chemical smell and are already federally regulated in children's toys. An environmental watch-dog group recently tested twenty popular children's school supplies and found 80 percent of them contained the toxic chemicals. And three out of four contained levels above the current legal limit for toys.

"This chemical when it's inhaled or ingested can lead to birth defects and asthma and allergies and all sorts of other disorders."

Manufacturers don't have to list the chemical as an ingredient but here are some clues they're in a product: the plastic is shiny and flexible, it has the recycling number three stamped on it and has a strong chemical plastic smell.

KGW News Channel 8 "Solar Wine" 09/10/12 5:00 PM 2:15

An Oregon vineyard is pioneering a new way of conservation; turning scorched timber into a "state-of-the-art" tasting room. Stoller Vineyard opened the doors to its brand-new tasting room just today; the latest example of the vineyard's tradition of sustainability. In 2002 the Biscuit Fire burned roughly 500 thousand acres in southern Oregon. More than a dozen structures destroyed and countless trees were scorched but not lost. Many of the trees were salvaged; milled down and used in buildings like this rolling ceiling in Stoller Vineyard's brand new tasting room.

Gary, Stoller Vineyard: "The wood is reclaimed wood from the Biscuit Fire. It's called "standing dead" which are trees that were still standing but were destroyed by the fire. We were able to go in and harvest the wood inside which is really high quality wood." It's just one of the reasons why this tasting room is one of the most sustainable in the country. Much of the wood used is reclaimed, if not from the fire, from an old Portland warehouse.

And talk about going off the grid. The tasting room's 236 solar panels generate enough energy to power the entire building and send excess power to its neighboring winery. During the slower summer months some of energy is actually fed back into the grid.

Sebastian, Stoller Vineyard: "It's maybe not a unique feature to see solar panels.

There are a lot of people doing it but to see it done on this scale is quite unique."

In addition, there is a wall of windows that lights the tasting room naturally and a soon to come "green roof" that will help insulate it and manage storm runoff.

Since the winery already runs its fork-lift on electric power, it plans to extend that green technology to its customers with an electric vehicle charging station in its tasting room parking lot as well so those stopping in for a sip of red will get a taste of green along with it. The tasting room was designed by the same architect that designed the Stoller Winery, the first LEED gold certified winery in North America.

KGW News Channel 8 "Hamilton Creek Salmon" 09/12/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Soon you may be able to get an up close view of something rarely seen by humans - hundreds of endangered salmon spawning. It's all part of a salmon restoration program underway right now along Hamilton Creek in North Bonneville. This creek is dry right now but when the rain starts back up it will fill up quickly. By November it will be full of spawning chum and Chinook salmon. And it's all due to a multi-year salmon restoration project. Today we watched as crews drove huge pilings into the ground, anchors for what will eventually be log jams, ideal spawning habitat for salmon. Their natural habitat here was wiped out decades ago when the Bonneville Dam was built. As part of the project, the city of North Bonneville wants to build an interpretive trail so people can walk along the channel where the endangered fish live.

"I'm envisioning school trips coming in, tourists coming, people coming from Vancouver and Portland. It's a great opportunity to find out about chum salmon and salmon in general and the restoration project."

The lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group started this project last year. The entire 1.2 million dollar project will cover about three miles of Hamilton Creek when complete. They hope to start work on that interpretive trail next fall.

KGW News Channel 8 "BPA Quake Demo" 09/18/12 6:00 PM 1:45

This morning folks in northeast Portland felt a magnitude 8 earthquake; a simulated earthquake that is. The simulator was brought in by the Bonneville Power Administration to demonstrate how big the "big one" will be. It's a frightening scenario - a magnitude 8 earthquake striking the Pacific Northwest. This is what it would look like and today dozens of people got the chance to experience what it would feel like. Employees of the Bonneville Power Administration took turns inside this earthquake simulator.

"I hope we never experience an 8.0 that was pretty incredible. I had no idea how hard that shake was going to be."

"They are quite a bit stronger than what most Californians, Oregonians or Washingtonians are used to."

"Right now we're simulating a magnitude 5 earthquake, even at this level it's tough to stand up. We boost it up to a magnitude 8 and it's almost impossible."

Such intense shaking would knock out our power. Bonneville Power is using the demonstration to teach its employees just how dangerous these quakes can be and to prepare for one. It says the more its employees are prepared, the more likely it will be able to get power back to its customers.

"If they can feel comfortable that their family is secure in an emergency and they're prepared for an emergency they're more likely to come back to work and make sure we run this system and we keep the lights on in the northwest."

"It will definitely motivate me to go home and talk about what we will do securing our television and sorts."

And scientists say that here in the Pacific Northwest we could get a magnitude 8 or even stronger quake within the next fifty years.

"We're definitely in the window for a major earthquake."

And the better we're prepared for one, the faster we'll be able to recover. Geologists say large earthquakes occur in the Pacific Northwest, on average, every 300 years. The last one to hit was 312 years ago.

KGW News Channel 8 "Fires and Air Quality" 09/19/12 6:30 PM :25

Several wildfires burning across the northwest, including near Sisters, are fueling unhealthy levels of smoke in the air stretching central Oregon to the Portland metro area. The Department of Environmental Quality warns that many might find it a little harder to breathe during strenuous outdoor activities. The air quality in Sisters is being called hazardous. The American Red Cross set up a post there for people with breathing problems.

KGW News Channel 8 "Crystal Creek Salmon" 09/20/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Imagine salmon, steelhead and Coho swimming freely through the middle of Portland. It's about to happen. Newschannel 8's environmental reporter Keely Chalmers is live in southeast Portland to show us how the city, TriMet, and the railroad are teaming up to

give the threatened fish a new urban home. This right here is part of the project; the creek behind me is Crystal Springs. Decades ago thousands and thousands of salmon lived and spawned in this creek. But human development blocked it up with not-so fish friendly culverts. But now the city of Portland is undertaking a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to change that. In 2009 it bought and tore down a large triplex here in the Sellwood area because the home actually covered part of the creek. Since then it's worked to restore the creek to what nature intended it to look like. Upstream, with the help of Union Pacific Railroad and TriMet, crews were able to lift part of the railroad track to help open up a previously blocked culvert there.

"It's really the best opportunity in the city for people to come out and see salmon and steelhead right at their feet and when we're done with these projects it's going to be every day that they're going to be able to come out and see fish swimming in these creeks."

Altogether the city plans to replace nine culverts along the nearly three mile stretch of Crystal Springs.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Light Rail Trees Cut" 09/24/12 6:00 PM 2:15

Some Milwaukie residents are fighting for their trees. Hundreds are coming down to make room for a new light rail line. It's happening in Milwaukie along 99E near Southeast River Road. TriMet says many of the trees needed to come down anyway but neighbors are not buying that argument. They lined Highway 99 near River Road, waving their signs. It's a small group of Milwaukie residents with a big message - Save their trees.

"Some of these trees are 200 years old."

This is where TriMet will be extending its light rail system, connecting downtown Portland to Milwaukie. Work is already underway and part of that work includes removing about 300 trees.

TriMet Spokesman: "A lot of these are invasives. There's a lot of invasive shrubbery so a lot of these trees are not in very good conditions also."

TriMet says it will not only replace those trees but it will add about 500 more. That's not much consolation to these folks who like the old ones.

"They can't plant a tree that's a hundred feet tall, they're going to plant a bunch of saplings. Maybe if they replanted something like this maybe your grandchildren's grandchildren could see it like this."

TriMet Spokesman: "For the first couple of years of course trees are going to have to grow. But they're actually growing right now; we've actually purchased the trees, they're growing now."

Resident: "TriMet says many of the trees they're removing are from unstable slopes like this one here. It says it's going to replant these slopes with native trees and help stabilize them."

Stabilizing them which means the addition of some concrete retaining walls - something that also upsets these neighbors

"I'd rather see nothing than a 30 foot wall of concrete put up."

But work on the light rail project is going full steam ahead. Today crews along the Willamette started the "big pour." Non-stop for the next 36 hours, they'll be pouring concrete to make the base for the east tower of the light rail bridge. It's a big step in a



unique and sometimes controversial project. As for what will happen to those 300 trees being cut down, TriMet says they'll all be put to good use, including stream restoration projects to help improve salmon habitat.

KGW News Channel 8 "Eat Local Fish" 09/25/12 5:00 PM 1:15

Here in the Pacific Northwest we all love our salmon. But did you know that by eating other less popular fish and seafood you could be helping to save our ocean? It was a lesson students at University of Portland learned at lunch today. The school hosted an "eat local fish" challenge. All the sea-food served today came from less than 500 miles away. In addition to the fresh salmon, students were also encouraged to try other fish like albacore tuna, which is caught off the Oregon coast and has not been overfished. Also on the menu was a variety of local sustainable oysters, which regenerate their own habitat. A report released just last week revealed more than 90 percent of fish Americans eat is imported from other countries. The challenge is to get people to eat local and to help keep our ocean and our local fishing economy healthy.

"I've never really had the opportunity to eat oysters at college so this is a little bit more gourmet."

"It does encourage them to try new things and broaden their scope of what local food is and can be."

The University of Portland is one of dozens across the country that took part in the first ever "eat local fish" challenge. The food service provider, Bon Appétit spear-headed the event. In addition to the fish, about 80 percent of all the food served at the school today was local.

KGW News Channel 8 "Zombie Bees" 09/26/12 5:00 PM 1:15

It sounds like a bad horror movie, but "zombie" bees are real. And now, for the first time, they've been documented in the Pacific Northwest. Newschannel 8's Environmental Reporter Keely Chalmers talked with the bee-keeper who made the discovery. They are honey bees that have been infected by a tiny parasitic fly. They are called zombie bees because the infection makes them leave the hive at night, something they don't normally do. Robert Joki first noticed about 20 honey bees in his back-yard that were acting strangely about three weeks ago. They were out at night; flying erratically on the ground, disoriented and dying. He collected one and put it in a jar. A week later, fly larvae hatched out of the bee's body. Scientists confirmed that the honey bees were killed by tiny egg-laying flies. These are parasitic flies that are native to North America but up until recently had not gone after honey bees.

"The flies have been infecting bumble bees, wasps naturally for ever but the importance is that this is the first time they've been recorded jumping to the honey bee population." Scientists don't know how many bees in our area are infected but say since the pollinating bees are critical for our agriculture, it's imperative more research be done.

## **FAMILY AND EDUCATION ISSUES**

KGW News Channel 8 continues its focus on families and education with reports on school safety, school budgets, the rising cost of college, and school testing. Nightly News takes an in-depth look at the many issues of caring for our aging parents from healthcare and insurance to emotional and financial issues. This is an issue affecting more families as the median age in our country rises.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Harriet Tubman Closing" 07/02/12 5:00 PM :40**

It's not over yet for supporters of North Portland's "Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy". They're pushing for their school to reopen. Parents and teachers are currently working on an application to turn the academy into a charter school. A few students and parents gathered outside the North Portland school this morning where today the district put up signs officially locking the doors. This school was unique to the northwest as it was the only public junior high and high school just for girls. But it had less than 200 students total and with a budget shortfall in the millions, Portland Public Schools chose to close it.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Libraries Closed" 07/02/12 11:00 PM :35**

A tight budget has forced Multnomah County libraries to close on Mondays and reduce hours the rest of the week. That has supporters looking for ways to get those services back. Tonight was the first in a series of meetings to discuss creating a "library district." That would bump up the 89 cent levy renewal approved by voters in May to \$1.22. Library officials say that should be enough to restore all hours and services. If you'd like to weigh-in, there are four more meetings this month.

### **KGW News Channel 8 "Oregon Bully Law" 07/03/12 5:00 PM 1:15**

A new law is helping schools in Oregon crack down on "bullying," and holding teachers accountable for reporting it. As of July first, every school district in Oregon is required to have a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying and "cyber-bullying." That last item is a growing hot-button issue for students, teachers and parents. In the world of social media, cyber-bullying is now a nation-wide problem for kids with Smartphones and Facebook pages. Some students have even been harassed to the point of suicide. That's the reason law makers designed Senate Bill 15-55. Under it, teachers and other school employees will now be required to report bullying of any kind or face remedial action.

"I think it's a great thing that they're going to make schools be more responsible and teachers to watch out for that type of thing cause that's huge now."

Many school districts in Oregon already have policies in place to help teachers and students fight bullying.

KGW News Channel 8 "Adams City Budget" 07/04/12 4:30 PM :45

Portland's mayor says his new budget will save teacher's jobs. Mayor Sam Adams gave us a preview of the plan yesterday. It gives five million dollars to Portland Public Schools. Another two million would go to other school districts. Most of the money would come from the city's general fund. School district leaders are thrilled.

"It has been a testament to Portland and our leadership that we were able to get to a moment there where we can preserve teachers in front of kids and a school year. And we're getting lots of thanks for our parents and our teachers for doing this work."

But not everyone is happy about the mayor's proposal. Opponents say it's too expensive. The proposed budget must be approved by the Portland City Council.

KGW News Channel 8 "WA No Child Left Behind" 07/06/12 4:00 PM :25

More than half the states have been granted exemptions from the "no child left behind" education law. It's a list that now includes Washington. That waiver means students will not have to pass state reading and math tests by 2014. The state must still show improvement in test scores for groups of kids who historically had lower scores than average. Oregon also applied for a waiver of the "no child left behind" act but has so far been denied.

KGW News Channel 8 "Portland School Bond" 07/09/12 11:00PM :25

The Portland School Board is moving ahead with plans to put a 482 million dollar bond on the November ballot. The board voted unanimously to adopt the plan tonight. It calls for upgrading four schools and improving 33 others. Board members will vote on whether to place the plan on the November ballot at the August 20th meeting. If it's approved it would be one of the largest bond measures passed in the history of the state.

KGW News Channel 8 "Humane Society Camp" 07/11/12 11:00PM :40

The Oregon Humane Society is the hot spot for summer fun. Their summer camp has become so popular it takes parents years to get their kids in! During the five day camp, kids get to interact with close to 300 animals; whether it's walking a dog, playing with a cat or feeding some of the smaller animals. And that's not all. They also see animals undergoing surgery and visit with a veterinarian. "These are homeless animals so having these kids come in and spend time with them brightens their day."

So many kids apply that only about one in four gets a chance to take their love of animals to a new level. If you want to apply, mark your calendar. They start accepting applications in January and the lottery is in March.

KGW News Channel 8 "Food Stamps Pot" 07/12/12 11:00PM :20

Oregon will no longer allow food stamp applicants to deduct medical marijuana from their income. Up until today, elderly or permanently disabled Oregonians were allowed to count the costs of their medical marijuana as medical expenses. But that ended when federal officials threatened the state with penalties.

KGW News Channel 8 "College Costs" 07/16/12 4:00 PM :25

Parents are cutting back on spending for college. The average amount that parents spent on college fell five percent last year. That means more students are shelling out of their own pocket and savings. And a "Sallie May" survey finds that more than half of students it surveyed are living at home while they attend college.

KGW News Channel 8 "School Quakes" 08/02/12 4:00 PM :20

Portland schools are not ready for the major earthquake expected in the next 50 years. Most of the state's schools were built before we knew anything about the quake threat in the Pacific Northwest. But one concerned parent is trying to do something about that. Ted Wolf helped start a petition asking the governor to fund more seismic improvements for schools before it's too late.

KGW News Channel 8 "Kittens Behind Bars" 08/09/12 5:00 PM 1:15

It's not a program you would expect to find behind bars, but an animal group is pairing up rescued felines with felons in Washington. News Channel 8's Jacqueline Sit joins us live from the newsroom to tell us how the cats and inmates are both getting a second chance. It seems like an odd pairing - men behind bars taking care of cute cuddly kittens. But they say it gives them a way to show a soft side they don't normally get to show. These offenders at Larch Corrections Center are caring for unwanted cats and training them to be pets so they can be adopted. The nonprofit "Cuddly Catz" works with the minimum security work camp. Several designated inmates bottle feed the kittens every three hours each day. Inmate Bobian Webster says having the kittens helps break up his day to day routine. "They're unpredictable. You never know what situations they're going to bring up. Last night the cat went to bathroom on my face, I mean seriously it was bad."

Webster says caring for the pets gives him something positive to talk about with his kids. Other inmates say these kittens give them a chance to show their compassion in a normally negative jail setting.

KGW News Channel 8 "Abernethy Food Flap" 08/13/12 5:00 PM 1:25

A Portland school program hailed as a national example of healthy eating may not start when the school year does. Ironically, new federal nutrition guidelines may get in the way. The new guidelines make districts go through their menus and prove they are meeting federal requirements. That job has not yet happened for Abernethy's garden based menu.

The school district spent about three months filling in all the blanks to verify nutrition on its district wide food program but says it did not realize that the same task would be required for Abernethy's unique menu. And now, there's no time left to comply. Kids here base a lot of their learning on gardening and cooking up healthy meals; in the process they tackle everything from math to poetry.

Sara Sullivan, Program Coordinator: "And they're excited about making healthy choices because they're a part of it. So to lose the kitchen program would really jeopardize everything that were doing I think."

Matt Shelby, PPS spokesperson: "We really want to see that stay but at the same time we've got these federal regulations that we have to reconcile."

At today's summer camp, kids, kindergarten to third grade, made and ate pasta with basil from the garden, and other home grown goodies. But when the school year starts, will the program continue to feed? The district says it could be December before they can make it happen. At a meeting here an hour from now, all involved will come together to try to find a faster solution.

KGW News Channel 8 "PPS Reading Test Requirement" 08/14/12 11:00 PM :30

A new requirement that Oregon high school seniors pass a state reading test to graduate didn't have the impact that some feared. Ninety-nine percent of Portland's seniors passed the test to graduate this June. That's compared to just 70 percent in years past. Even so, more than 400 local students were denied a diploma and there are fears that number will rise in coming years as writing and math tests are added.

KGW News Channel 8 "Raising Child Care Costs" 08/16/12 4:00 PM :25

The experience of raising a child may be priceless but the cost to provide care for them is getting unaffordable. The yearly cost of infant care increased roughly two percent last year and the cost of providing care for a four-year-old jumped more than four percent. In half of all states, center-based care for one child cost more than the median people pay for rent. For two kids the cost was more than median rent in every state!

KGW News Channel 8 "OSU Freshman Rule" 08/17/12 4:00 PM :25

There's a big change next year at Oregon State University that could cost some new students, and their parents, big money. Beginning next fall freshman will have to live on campus. The idea is that by requiring them to live in the residence halls they'll become more engaged in the classroom. The university says that studies show kids who live on campus do better academically. The cost to live in a residence hall though is at least seven thousand dollars a year.

KGW News Channel 8 "High School Drugs" 08/22/12 4:00 PM 1:35

As teens head back to school, you'd be surprised how many are carrying a little something extra in their backpacks -- drugs and alcohol. They should be focusing on reading, writing and arithmetic but too many teens are drinking and smoking marijuana during school hours.

Joseph Califano, Casa-Columbia: "It is alcohol and drugs that are putting the high in high school, not advanced education."

Joseph Califano and fellow researchers at Casa-Columbia in New York just released a survey of a thousand teenagers. Nearly every single one of them, 97 percent, said they have classmates who drink alcohol, use drugs or smoke cigarettes; often while school is in session. And it's not just cigarettes that are being smoked in the boys' room.

"It's likely that the overwhelming proportion of conduct that the kids are talking about is drinking alcohol and smoking pot."

Over 40 percent of the surveyed kids said they know a classmate who sells drugs, mostly marijuana. Fifty two percent said there's a particular spot on or near campus where students know they can go to get high.

It's easy to do this on school grounds and near school grounds without getting caught."

The problem is not limited to public schools. More than half of private school teens said drugs are in their hallways, too. That's a 50 percent increase from the year before.

KGW News Channel 8 "PPS School Bond Vote" 08/20/12 11:00 PM :25

A multi-million dollar plan to upgrade Portland schools will be on the ballot this November. The board unanimously voted to send the 482 million dollar construction bond to voters. School leaders say it would modernize Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt high schools and other schools throughout the district. The bond would add about a dollar in taxes for every thousand dollars of "assessed property value". A similar plan was voted down last year.

KGW News Channel 8 "Scholarships" 08/27/12 5:00 AM :20

A lack of scholarships may prevent some students from going to college. The number of undergrads getting scholarships fell ten percent in the last school year. That's mainly because cash-strapped states are cutting funding and schools don't have the money to make up the difference.

KGW News Channel 8 "Hands Across the Columbia" 09/03/12 5:00 PM :40

Recovering addicts, their friends and families united to celebrate freedom from addiction at the Interstate Bridge. They joined up at Esther Short Park in Vancouver for "Hands Across the Bridge." The event challenges people who struggle with addiction to speak out and talk about their problems. Organizers say holding hands across the bridge symbolizes the transformation people in recovery make at home, at work and beyond. "It's so worth it for us to be productive members of society." This is the eleventh year of the event.

KGW News Channel 8 "State of Schools" 09/04/12 6:00PM 2:15

Tomorrow, 47 thousand kids and 28 hundred teachers in the Portland School District will be back at school. But the outside pressures of life can certainly affect what happens inside the classroom. Newschannel 8's Pat Dooris shows us how a southeast Portland school prepares for the new school year when money is tight all around. Teachers say lack of funding means they are once again paying for supplies out of their pockets but hard economic times for many also mean it's harder to get kids attention in class. At Lane Middle School, a tale of two teachers reflects the outside pressures challenging today's educators. On the main floor, Frances Ankeny is about to start her 28th year of teaching. Once again money is tight inside and outside the school. "Who ever has the best price grid books on sale, I'll buy a hundred grid books so students can get grid books from me so that they're successful." Some will pay her back but 85% of the kids at Lane are on the free or reduced lunch program. "We give a lot of our time and our money because we have a passion for this job." Ankeny knows how families with financial struggles feel - she grew up in one herself. "I feel as though teaching is a gift you're given from God and I really feel as though I have a gift. And that's not to be arrogant about it but I feel I have a passion and a gift to reach kids that came from the same situation I did. So, yah, I'd do it again."

And one floor up we find rookie teacher Aukeem Ballard who is about to begin his first year. He is also aware that the outside world will affect his students.

"Ha ha! It's um, it is nerve wracking! Something going on bad in their lives or a bad situation in their community and you sit them in front of a computer screen and tell them to take a test. Well you gotta deal with that and that's how I think it's all shaped for me in a bit, you can no longer teach in a vacuum."

He's ready to begin tomorrow. "The ultimate test is what happens tomorrow, ha! 9 AM when students walk in and, what do we do. So yah, I'm excited to answer your question. Nervous but excited."

Despite worries about the budget, Portland Public Schools did not lay off any teachers for this year.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "PPS Enrollment" 09/05/12 5:00 AM 1:15

When Portland students head back to class today many of them will be at schools just bursting with young students. Newschannel 8's Art Edwards is live at Chapman Elementary in northwest Portland where they've seen a big jump in enrollment. It's back to school at Chapman; the first bell rings just before eight AM, and like many schools here in Portland, Chapman is looking at increased enrollment especially in younger grades. This year they'll have 5 kindergarten classes and 5 first grades. We stopped by Chapman last week when the school held an ice cream social last week. It was a chance for parents to meet with teachers and for kids to see friends district-wide.

They've seen big jumps in enrollment over the last few years. There were more than 47,000 students in school last year and they expect that to go up this year. Principal Scott Choate says that's a good sign for Portland Public Schools. "It means people are really excited about what's going on in Portland Public Schools and they're choosing to go to public school."

#### KGW News Channel 8 "School Bus GPS" 09/06/12 4:00 PM :35

Here's an idea that will appeal to many parents. A school district in Canada is using GPS to track students on the school bus. Students swipe smart cards when they get on and off the bus. The buses themselves have GPS trackers. So now parents can log in from their smart-phones or home computers and find out where their kids are.

Evan Macri, student; "I feel very safe because my mom knows where I am and if I get on the wrong bus the app will actually tell her."

The new quarter million dollar technology also reduces the chances of younger kids missing their stops or getting left behind.

#### KGW News Channel 8 "Fit School Year" 09/10/12 4:00 PM :25

During the summer many kids get out and play but now that they're back in class they tend to sit more. Fitness experts recommend you let your children play at least thirty minutes to an hour after they get home from school. That doesn't mean in front of a TV. That means getting out and moving. And studies show kids who walk to school and other activities are leaner and fitter than those who take the bus or are driven everywhere.

KGW News Channel 8 "OHSU Money" 09/17/12 11:00PM :20

Oregon Health and Science University is celebrating the biggest donation in its history, courtesy of Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny. The pair gave OHSU 125 million dollars. It will be used to establish the OHSU cardiovascular institute and further heart disease research. The couple donated 100 million dollars in 2008.

KGW News Channel 8 "Anti-Bullying Assembly" 09/19/12 5:00 PM :35

Portland's Grant High School took a stand today against bullying in an all-school assembly. Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith got the idea after seeing a rise in bullying at school and on social media and also to address harassment incidents last winter at Grant. Our own Laural Porter led a panel discussion that included students who'd been bullied, like Grant senior Hanna Olson, who told the students not to be afraid to reach out and tell someone.

"So talk to them, tell them how you're feeling; get the help you need, because everybody is going to be so much happier to have you around no matter what anyone else tells you."

At the end of the assembly, students signed a pledge to say "no" to bullying and of course Laural took a picture of the crowd for twitter.

KGW News Channel 8 "Oregon Food Stamps" 09/20/12 5:00 PM 1:15

It's a startling figure: 19 percent, nearly one of every five Oregon families receives food stamps to feed themselves. That's the highest rate of any state in the nation. They are tough numbers and a sign the recovery is still not reaching plenty of people in our state. At the Oregon Food Bank's headquarters and main warehouse, they are busier than ever moving food to hungry people. Here's their latest statistic - for the second year in a row, they gave out more than 1 million food boxes across the state. For many people, food banks supplement food stamps, which in Oregon are in the form of the Oregon Trail Card. And one reason Oregon may have hit number one in food stamp participation is that the state has expanded coverage to families at up to 185 percent of the poverty level.

"I don't think it's an unfair level and in fact I think it's a real critical level that a lot of families wouldn't be able to feed their families if they didn't have access to that important resource."

Janeen Wadsworth says the food stamp program in Oregon offers assistance on a sliding scale, and that allows more families to get help. Most of the money that supports food stamps is federal and congress is considering some major cuts; as much as 16 billion dollars to the USDA program.

KGW News Channel 8 "PSU Insurance Fee" 09/25/12 4:30 AM 2:25

It's back to the books for 30 thousand students at Portland State University. But for some, their tuition bill is a hard lesson in the cost of health insurance, where a new plan is causing some confusion and a few headaches.

There are some 30 thousand students returning to campus at Portland State University. Everyone taking five credits or more must have health insurance.

Dr. Dana Tasson heads the Center For Student Health here on campus. He says it's why health insurance has been mandatory for years. It's part of the tuition. "We also



know that students are one accident away of having their entire college career derailed if they incur medical expenses.”

Nick Walden heads up the effort for the school. As a student here he was grateful to have any insurance after he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. “I was one of those students who didn't think of health insurance, who didn't know what my health insurance was to someone who lived and died by health insurance.”

After five years of work his efforts helped changed the type of coverage available now for students. “There's a lot of preventative stuff under the health insurance plan that was never covered in the past.”

The old policy cost 444 dollars a year but didn't cover much. The new one covers a maximum benefit of one hundred thousand dollars, at \$1680 a year, but with zero deductible.

Through videos and emails the school tried notifying students they can opt out if they have comparable outside medical coverage through their parents or work.

Junior Nick Dilbeck tried opting out as he has insurance through his employer.

“Specifically my out of pocket maximum annual was not better and I actually had to appeal because my waiver was denied based on that alone.”

The school finally approved his appeal. The school admits while there have been a few glitches with implementing the new plan the goal remains the same.

Nick Walden, PSU Student Health Advisor: “We're not just admitting students into the class room but insuring they stay there.”

So far 61 hundred students have opted out of the insurance program and 800 have been denied coverage. Students have until October 7th to notify the school of proof of insurance before the cost will be removed from their tuition bill.

#### KGW News Channel 8 “Skills for College” 09/25/12 4:00 PM :30

This is a real wake-up call for parents and educators. More than half our nation's 2012 high school graduates who took a college entrance exam don't have the skills they'll need to succeed in college or in a career. The College Board, which owns the SAT, says that 57 percent of graduating seniors who took their test earned a combined score below what's needed to show they can earn a b-minus or better in the first year of college. It's the same thing for the ACT. It says 60 percent who took the test are at risk of not succeeding in college.

#### KGW News Channel 8 “College Grad Jobs” 09/27/12 6:30 PM :20

The job market seems to be improving for new college graduates. A new survey shows employers anticipate hiring 13 percent more class of 2013 graduates than they hired from the class of 2012. And employers are especially looking for graduates with business, computer science and engineering-related degrees.

**DATeline NBC**

Dateline NBC, the signature broadcast for NBC News in primetime, premiered in 1992. Since then, it has been pioneering a new approach to primetime news programming. The multi-night franchise, supplemented by frequent specials, allows NBC to consistently and comprehensively present the highest-quality reporting, investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles.

**Dateline 07/06/12 "The Last Dive" and "Buried Secrets" 9 PM 2:00:00**

A couple goes on a scuba diving vacation in the crystal blue waters of the British Virgin Islands. On their final dive of the trip, one of them surfaced but the other did not. What happened on that fateful last dive? Dennis Murphy reports on "The Last Dive".

A Florida man disappears into thin air, leaving behind a young son and a grieving ex-wife who says she never stopped loving him. When his bones are identified more than twenty years later, a rookie detective is determined not only to discover who murdered him, but also to uncover the reason for his death. Keith Morrison brings the story of "Buried Secrets".

**Dateline 07/08/12 "Living a Transgender Childhood" 7 PM 1:00:00**

Eleven year old Josie Romero has been trying to break free from a nightmare that few children will ever know. Biologically born a boy, Josie is a transgender child who feels like a girl trapped in the wrong body. Hoda Kotb has the story.

**Dateline 07/13/12 "Haunted Memories" 9 PM 2:00:00**

A beautiful young woman in Denver, Colorado goes out for the evening and never returns home. Weeks later, in a neighboring town, another young woman is found nearly murdered in her apartment. Was there a deadly connection between the two? Keith Morrison investigates the "Deadly Connection".

**Dateline 07/15/12 "Finding Booker's Place" and "Deadly Conspiracy" 7 PM 2:00:00**

Two strangers, both bent on unraveling family mysteries, discover that they share a unique bond that is rooted within NBC News and goes back to the most tumultuous days of the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi. Lester Holt reports on "Finding Booker's Place".

The murder of a family patriarch is a mystery without a clear motive or suspect. What put one branch of the family against the other? It would take a detective years before piecing together the puzzle and trapping the killers.

**Dateline 07/20/12 "The Evidence Whisperer" and "Tragedy in Colorado" 9 PM 2:00:00**

A young woman from Southern California goes missing. Did she run away? Was she kidnapped? It would take over nine years and the expertise of a cold case investigator, The Evidence Whisperer, to figure out what happened to Lysie Ekelund. Josh Mankiewicz brings the story.

Ann Curry reports live from the scene of the tragedy in Aurora, Colorado with the latest news. Survivors who were inside the movie theater speak out. In addition, personal stories about the victims and new details on the alleged killer.

Dateline 07/22/12 "Extreme Adventures" and "Update: Tragedy in Colorado" 7 PM 2:00:00

Some of the most amazing moments of athletic adventure ever caught on tape. More than extreme, these are life and death situations, and sometimes it is the spectators who are in peril. From mountain tops to ocean depths, you won't believe these people escaped alive.

Kate Snow reports live from the scene of the tragedy in Aurora, Colorado with the latest news. Survivors who were inside the movie theater speak out. In addition, President Obama visits victims and new details on the alleged killer.

Dateline 08/17/12 "Written In Blood" 10 PM 1:00:00

Former model and flight attendant Karen Pannell is found stabbed to death in her apartment. The letters "ROC" are written in her own blood across the wall. Was Karen leaving a clue? Dennis Murphy reports.

Dateline 08/24/12 "The Confession" 10 PM 1:00:00

She was a teenager, home alone inside her first apartment, when she was attacked. On her body was a handprint in blood. Detectives tracked down the killer, who confessed and was sent to prison. But, it turns out, that bloody handprint belonged to someone else! Now, her mother turns detective to help solve her daughter's case. Follow the hunt for a killer and the search for the truth as a mother fights to free the man convicted in her daughter's murder case. Keith Morrison goes inside "The Confession."

Dateline 08/31/12 "Secrets in a Small Town" 10 PM 1:00:00

Her life ended in mystery on a dead-end road: A mother of three who'd gone missing. For police, the investigation seemed to hit a dead-end, too. But they had promised this family they would never quit. Soon, a small-town story led to a very big break, and to a suspect that surprised just about everyone. Keith Morrison reports on "Secrets in a Small Town."

Dateline 09/02/12 "My Kid Would Never Do That! Stranger Danger" 7 PM 1:00:00

You've taught them, you've told them, you've warned them. But how might your kids really handle a dangerous situation when it matters most? Tonight, Dateline begins a series of hidden camera reports, giving you a chance to find out. Could your child be lured away by a sweet-talking, innocent-seeming stranger? Natalie Morales puts her own son Josh to the test. It's a powerful and emotional moment with important lessons for parents and their kids, as Natalie Morales reports: "My Kid Would Never Do That!"

Dateline 09/07/12 "Drew Peterson: Deadly Intent" 10 PM 1:00:00

It was a case long on notoriety, short on evidence. In fact, to put Drew Peterson on trial for the murder of his third wife, Kathleen Savio, prosecutors had to get a new law passed to introduce hearsay. They said it would allow Savio, and Peterson's fourth wife,

Stacy, missing and presumed dead, to "speak from their graves." From the stunning verdict, it seems jurors were listening. Hoda Kotb goes inside the case, with exclusive details from a key witness.

Dateline 09/14/12 "The Inside Man" 10 PM 1:00:00

What if someone asked you to risk your life to go undercover into one of the country's most dangerous prisons...to help catch a killer? Young girls were being murdered. And investigators needed help from a snitch to get a confession. But this snitch was different. He was already a convicted hood. If it worked, he could win his freedom. If it didn't, he could lose his life.

Lester Holt reports the story of "The Inside Man".

Dateline 09/21/12 "The Devil and Bobbi Parker" 10 PM 1:00:00

On a hot summer day in 1994 convicted murderer Randolph Dial escapes from prison, taking the deputy warden's wife with him. They are found after a decade on the run. But was she a kidnapped hostage or a willing accomplice? Dateline NBC's Edie Magnus reports.

Dateline 09/28/12 "The Plot Thickens" 10 PM 1:00:00

When a top Hollywood stunt man is gunned down, the investigation leads to a femme fatale once married to a movie star mobster. Dateline NBC's Josh Mankiewicz reports the season premiere of "The Plot Thickens".

**CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW**

Chris Matthews puts his thirty years of Washington experience to work getting inside the story from the nation's most plugged in journalists. Chris's insight and love of history and politics will deliver a fascinating take on the stories everyone is talking about.

Chris Matthews 07/01/12 6:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

Pete Williams, NBC News  
Katty Kay, BBC World News America  
John Heilemann, New York Magazine  
Joan Biskupic, Reuters

TOPICS:

The healthcare ruling and 2012 politics  
How would President Romney use Supreme Court vacancies?  
How Obama went from mostly identifying with Whites to finding comfort with his African-American identity.

Chris Matthews 07/08/12 6:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

Joe Klein, TIME  
Katty Kay, BBC World News America  
John F. Harris, Politico  
S.E. Cupp, New York Daily News

TOPICS:

Will the one-third who say Mormons are not Christians be a problem for Mitt Romney?  
A history of disastrous Presidential campaign photo-ops

Chris Matthews 07/15/12 6:30 PM 30:00

Guests: Michael Duffy, TIME  
Andrea Mitchell, NBC News  
Howard Fineman, The Huffington Post  
Kasie Hunt, Associated Press

TOPICS:

The secret Presidents' club: how the formers unite to help the current President, across party lines.

Will Hillary Clinton run in 2016, and what will she base her decision on?

Chris Matthews 07/22/2012 6:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

Dan Rather, AXS TV  
Kathleen Parker, Washington Post  
David Ignatius, Washington Post  
Gloria Borger, CNN

TOPICS:

Has the Obama plan to disqualify Mitt Romney as an out-of-touch rich guy worked?

Is Mitt Romney likely to over-react to the Sarah Palin lesson?

Chris Matthews 09/09/2012 11:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

Michael Duffy, TIME  
John F. Harris, Politico  
Trish Regan, Bloomberg  
Kasie Hunt, Associated Press

TOPICS:

Why are Democrats confident Obama will win?

Is it better for Hillary Clinton if Obama wins or loses?

Chris Matthews 09/16/2012 11:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

David Ignatius, Washington Post  
Helene Cooper, New York Times  
Katty Kay, BBC  
Major Garrett, National Journal

TOPICS:

Governor Romney's bad week

Eruptions in the Arab street. Is there an Al Qaeda factor?

Chris Matthews 09/23/2012 11:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

Bob Woodward, Washington Post  
Joe Klein, TIME  
Kelly O'Donnell, NBC News  
Katty Kay, BBC

TOPICS:

Why Conservatives are panicked that a Romney loss would ruin the brand  
Our Tenth Anniversary: great political moments of the past 10 years

Chris Matthews 09/30/2012 11:30 PM 30:00

Guests:

John Heilemann, New York Magazine  
Howard Fineman, Huffington Post  
Kelly O'Donnell, NBC News  
Trish Regan, Bloomberg

TOPICS:

Previewing the First Presidential debate  
Will the polls hold till Election Day? What history says.

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KGW News Channel 8, in partnership with On Point Community Credit Union, University of Phoenix and the local Toyota dealers, kicked off the 5<sup>th</sup> annual KGW School Supply Drive with the purpose of sending 8,000 local area children back to school with the basic school supplies that they couldn't otherwise afford. In Oregon, almost half of all children live in low-income families and cannot afford even the most basic school supplies. Through Labor Day, the drive encourages viewers to make cash and loose supply donations of any amount or to simply purchase a \$25 Virtual Pack, which will supply one student with the basic supplies needed for an entire year. All donations will benefit local area schools and will be distributed with the help of Schoolhouse Supplies, the non-profit Free Store for Teachers.

We are pleased to announce that the total cash and supplies collected are valued at \$265,789. This was enough to send 10,632 children back to school with basic supplies; 2,632 kids above our goal.



